

SEC. BAKER TO REPLY TO SEN. CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Baker today asked Senator Chamberlain to arrange an occasion at which all members of congress disposed to attend might do so and hear a statement in reply to the charges of inefficiency in the army.

Secretary Baker also asked the senate military committee for a hearing at which to answer charges of Secretary Chamberlain.

Secretary Baker sent the following letter to the senator:

"My dear Senator Chamberlain: The questions which have arisen with regard to the conduct of the war require an explicit statement from me for the information of your committee and generally for the information of congress and the country.

"I feel that in justice I owe such a statement to the splendid officers and men of the army, who have forgotten themselves and labored with self-sacrifice and, as I think, success in the building of a great army.

"It is due also to the great number of men of business and of affairs who have accepted the invitation of the war department to come to Washington and given their business experience, their talents and their judgment to the work in hand. And I think the people of the country are entitled to have at large a summary of what has been done by America in the war.

"I therefore, respectfully request that your committee arrange an opportunity for me to make such a statement and that the time and place be so fixed as to enable all members of the senate and the house of representatives who are so disposed to attend.

"If this request can be complied with, I shall be happy to be advised at your earliest convenience of the time and place."

WITH THE ARMY AND NAVY

Sergt. Healey of the British recruiting headquarters sent five Lowell recruits to Boston today, for final examination. They were: Thomas Ray, 18 Dutton street, 249 Canadian Battalion; Daniel Line, 219 Westford street, 249th; John Mooney, 47 Alden street, Canadian Expeditionary Forces; Orla LeBranne, 129 Allen street, C.E.F.; Louis St. George, 290 Tucker street, 249th.

A dispatch from Toronto received in Lowell this morning, states that G. Louis of this city is reported as among those killed in action in the Canadian casualty list made public today. No such name appears in the city directory either in the roll of honor or in the regular list of names. The British recruiting headquarters has no record of such a man existing from this city, and the officers do not recall the name.

John Sheppard of Woburn, but formerly of this city, has created a lot of interest in recruiting circles at the British headquarters in Boston, owing to the fact that he was accepted for the British forces three days after he had become 18 years old. Recruits are not accepted until they have reached their 18th birthday, and Sheppard didn't waste much time as soon as he had attained the desired age.

Private Brown and Jones of the local regular army recruiting station, spent yesterday in Ayer and the surrounding towns distributing recruiting posters.

LOWELL GIRLS AND PATRONESSES TO BE GUESTS AT CAMP DEVENS

A party of 35 Lowell girls with a number of patronesses will be the guests of the Lowell boys at Camp Devens this evening at a dancing party to be held at the new Soldiers club in Ayer. This club is considered one of the finest buildings in Ayer or at Camp Devens itself. The Lowell girls will leave Lowell by train shortly after 6 o'clock and will return by electric at 10 o'clock. It is planned to make the visit a weekly affair as the club has been reserved as "Lowell night" for every Friday evening. Mrs. S. Wales Dixon at the war work headquarters will be glad to direct Lowell girls desiring to go, to one of the women in charge of the parties.

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\$40,000 FIRE LOSS AT FAIRHAVEN, VT.

FAIRHAVEN, Vt., Jan. 25.—Five stores in the business section here were destroyed by fire today, the loss being estimated at \$40,000.

BOYS LOOTED STORES AND CARRIED GUNS

In the juvenile session of police court today five boys appeared on a charge of looting several stores. They had been rounded up last Sunday night by Officers P. Connolly, Timothy J. O'Connor and James Connelley. They belonged to a gang numbering about 15 and were said to be the ring leaders. Three of them carried Colt automatic revolvers of a most dangerous kind, while the other two were armed with Smith and Wesson weapons. A sixth boy was brought in by Officers P. J. Conroy and James Connelley on a similar charge and as a member of the gang. It was found that the boys had stolen the revolvers from Dickerman & McQuade's and that they had also secured a box of bullets with which they had been indulging in target practice in an empty building on Charles street. Two of the boys had stolen three pairs of rubber boots from the A. G. Pollard Co. and a variety of small articles from the five and ten cent stores. A couple of them stole a receipting stamp and pad from Saunders' market and had been making purchases there and receipting their own checks. They were detected on account of some irregularity in the mode of stamping the checks. They were arrested by Officer Connolly, who induced one of them to confess and after a while to go into a vacant lot and dig up the stamps and pad from a pile of snow. When the boys were arraigned in court today everybody who heard the testimony agreed that the case was a very serious one and that it was fortunate the boys had not done some harm with the revolvers. One of the boys was sent to the Lyman school, another was taken in charge by the state board of charity, while the others were placed on probation, their parents having paid for the stolen goods that had been identified by the different stores.

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30 MIDDLESEX STREET

Central Powers Reply to Peace Terms of Pres. Wilson and Lloyd George

BERLIN, Jan. 24, via London, Jan. 25.—Count von Hertling in his address before the reichstag committee said that evacuation of Russian territory was a question which only concerns Russia and central powers.

Commenting on the fourteen points in the program for world peace set forth in President Wilson's address to congress the chancellor said an agreement could be obtained without difficulty on the first four points.

Regarding the fifth point mentioned by President Wilson the chancellor said some difficulties would be met with.

Germany never demanded the incorporation of Belgium territory by violence, the chancellor asserted. He said the state of Poland would be decided by Germany and Austria-Hungary. When all other questions had been settled he added, Germany would be ready to discuss the question of a league of peace.

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The chancellor demanded that the leaders of the nations at war with Germany set forth new proposals. The terms outlined by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George contained certain principles which could be accepted by Germany, he said, but the concrete proposals were unsatisfactory.

Count von Hertling disagreed with certain foreign newspapers which interpreted the recent speech of Premier Lloyd George as showing an earnest desire for peace and even friendship for Germany, according to a Central News despatch quoting from the chancellor's speech before the reichstag yesterday.

The chancellor, however, remarked on the alteration in the tone of the British premier's speech wherein he said Mr. Lloyd George had refrained from abuse and showed an inclination for negotiations.

The chancellor declared the British premier seemed to adjudge Germany guilty of all possible crimes, adding: "We cannot understand such feelings or find therein proof of a sincere will for peace."

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Good Weather Only Hope to Avoid Shut Down of All Business in New England

ROSLYON, Jan. 25.—New England is facing a very serious coal shortage that may shut down all business within the next few days, according to James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator. "Good weather is our only hope and I am praying that the crisis will not come," Mr. Storrow declared today.

Since his return here from New York yesterday Mr. Storrow has received advices showing the coal movement from the mines to Hampton Roads and from Hampton Roads to eastern points, which indicated, he said, that government requirements soon would exhaust the supply at tide water.

"The normal coal consumption in New England is 150,000 tons daily," Mr. Storrow said, "and receipts today indicate that New England is receiving about one-fifth of its actual needs. Between 1000 and 1200 cars should arrive by rail daily while we are receiving today only 620, with practically none arriving by water by which route ordinarily we receive two-thirds of our supply."

"I have received a communication from President Pearson of the New Haven road saying the tangle at Maybrook, N. Y., can be cleared in four days if the weather is good. Our hopes are centered there. I do not know what will happen if a storm should set in now."

Less coal arrived in New England today than in many weeks, the administrator said. "The New Haven railroad," he continued, "has declared an absolute embargo at the Maybrook gateway and will not even accept coal shipments until the frightful tangle there is unravelled."

The following figures show the total of all coal received in New England by railroad in the past three days: "January 23, 781 cars; Jan. 24, 878 cars; Jan. 25, 620 cars."

Mr. Storrow will go to New York later today for further conferences with A. H. Smith, assistant director-general of railroads, regarding conditions in Hampton Roads, where many vessels are waiting to load coal for New England. "I want to see if something can be done to relieve the situation," he said, "and am ready to put a man there to help out if it is desired."

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The Four First Points in President Wilson's Speech, Respecting Which Chancellor von Hertling Said an Agreement Could be Reached Without Difficulty, Related to Abolition of Secret Diplomacy, Free Navigation of the Seas Outside Territorial Waters, Subject to International Laws; Removal of Economic Barriers and Establishment of Equal Trade Conditions Among Nations, and Reduction of Armaments.

The fifth point, in regard to which the chancellor said some difficulties would be met, provided for impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon the principle that the interests of the population concerned must have equal weight with the claims of the government whose title was to be determined.

Austrian View of Terms

LONDON, Jan. 25.—In his speech to the delegates of parliament, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, described the difficulties attending the peace negotiations at Brest Litovsk, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Count Czernin said that the publication of the daily proceedings of the conference had caused nervousness among the people behind the front.

Referring to President Wilson's recent address, Count Czernin said: "I acknowledge that his tone is now different from what it was when he attempted by his reply to Pope Benedict to sow dissension between the German government and the German people, and this has been of good effect."

"There is no longer talk about the autocratic suppression of the German people by the government and his former attacks on the house of Hohenzollern are not repeated."

Austria-Hungary and America, Count Czernin said, were two belligerents whose interests were less incompatible than they seemed. He characterized the speech of President Wilson regarding war aims as an important advance toward the Austro-Hungarian viewpoint, which contained some proposals in which Austria-Hungary would gladly join.

He said the population of Poland would decide its own fate. The Polish question must not delay peace one day. If Poland after the war wished to advance toward Austria-Hungary such an advance would be welcomed.

Interpretation of the right of free action of peoples had caused a difference between Russia and Germany, he said, but a compromise must be reached. The differences of view are not great enough to justify abandonment of the peace negotiations.

Commenting on the 14 points in President Wilson's war aims speech, Count Czernin said, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, that Austria-Hungary and America were virtually in agreement regarding the great principles for new arrangements after the war.

Count Czernin qualified his statement respecting agreement with some of President Wilson's proposals by saying that Austria-Hungary would support Germany.

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For years people have used the railroad tracks for "short cuts," despite the fact that it is contrary to law. At the present time, however, every precaution has to be taken and inasmuch as the railroads are controlled by the United States government the federal authorities insist that the law be enforced, especially for the protection of goods in transit.

George Sherman of Burlington, Vt., was elected recently for the 40th consecutive time as leader of the band. Mr. Sherman has missed only one annual meeting since the inception of the band, which occurred in 1878.

MUST KEEP OFF THE RAILROAD TRACKS

Three commissioned officers of the department of the northeast of the war department visited the police station yesterday afternoon and during the course of a conference with Supt. Welch asked that the local police cooperate with the government in keeping all persons, excepting employees of the railroad, off the railroad tracks. It was stated that if the police do not apprehend and prosecute trespassers, that the war department will take the

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Miss Bernice Everett, local city leader in the conservation movement, gave a demonstration yesterday afternoon at the Butler school to a fairly large gathering of women of that district. A general talk on food conservation was followed by a demonstration of the uses of corn meal. Miss Everett was assisted by Mrs. Frederick Marble and Miss Natalie Conant.

A meeting of the conservation committee of the Pawtucketville district of which Mrs. John H. Janort is chairman, was held yesterday at the war work headquarters.

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68 MERRIMACK STREET

U. S. HAS EXECUTED 14 AS GERMAN SPIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—C. S. Thompson, chairman of the press committee of the American Defence society, in an informal discussion at a luncheon given by the organization here yesterday, declared the society had been informed that the United States had executed 14 spies since the beginning of the war with Germany. He added that enemy aliens in this country "should be apprised of these facts, as evidence of America's determination to protect herself."

BAY STATE STREET RAILWAY DIS-TRIBUTES COAL FROM THIS CITY

Owing to the ice blockades in harbors and the scarcity of coal barges, the bulk of the coal that is received in this city at the present time comes all the way by rail from the mines. Practically all of the coal for the power houses of the Bay State Street Railway company, north of Boston, is discharged from the railroad cars at the local power house and then transported by electric coal cars to the various plants of the company on the northeastern section.

A new apparatus for discharging coal has been installed at the local plant, which facilitates matters very much.

At the present time, the local division has a supply of coal which will last about eight days.

GEN. SWEETSER'S OLD BRIGADE DISBANDED

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 25.—The 51st Depot Brigade, a part of the New England division, no longer exists as such, according to official announcement yesterday at Camp Greene.

This brigade has been "temporarily disbanded" and the units are considered as separate organizations for purposes of administration. This action was the result of the recent transfer of Brig. Gen. Sweetser, brigade commander, to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., where he was assigned to command a brigade of the Pioneer division being organized there.

The announcement said nothing new could be stated regarding the future of the regiments from New England formerly included in this brigade. They are the 5th, 6th and 8th Massachusetts Infantry, 1st Connecticut Infantry, 1st Vermont Infantry, Signal Corps companies from Connecticut and New Hampshire and 1st Maine Heavy Artillery.

Authority also was given today to publish news of the recent departure for Camp Wadsworth of the headquarters staff and headquarters detachment of the 51st Depot Brigade. The Signal Corps companies of the brigade have also gone to Spartanburg and the other units are expecting orders at any time to entrain for that camp.

Charlotte health authorities today imposed a rigid quarantine against the entrance to the city of soldiers from Camp Greene, due to the development of cerebro spinal meningitis at the camp.

BARS LIQUORS NEAR ARMY CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In line with the movement to improve liquor and vice conditions about military camps, new restricted zone regulations have been prepared by the war department and the department of justice, and will be announced soon. They have been drawn in an effort to make it more difficult for persons who buy liquor and give it to soldiers to escape penalties of the law. More severe penalties also may be imposed on soldiers who drink liquor.

The department of justice yesterday reported that United States attorneys have prosecuted more than 600 persons during the last six months for violating the barred zone regulations about army camps. Most of the offenders were accused of selling liquor.

DEVENS BOXERS LOSE TO PIER MEN

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—One of the biggest boxing carnivals ever staged at the Commonwealth pier was given last night. A musical program and boxing kept things busy. Lieut. Robert C. Deming, athletic officer of the 302d regiment at Camp Devens, led a squad of boxers from the 301st regiment, "Boston's Own," to the pier, and they mixed things up with the sailors.

A return match will take place at Camp Devens Wednesday.

The pier men had all the better of the milling against the Camp Devens boxers, winning four out of five bouts and getting a draw in the other.

Gilbert Gallant of the Pier and McFarland boxed an exhibition, as did Joe Gibbs and Chiodo, both of the Pier.

Chief Boatswain Laven refereed. The summary:

115-pound class—Brocato, Commonwealth pier, defeated Gray, Camp Devens. Four rounds.

125-pound class—Ober Koffer, Commonwealth pier, defeated Kelley, Camp Devens. Three rounds.

Noonan, Commonwealth pier, defeated Leonard, Camp Devens. Three rounds.

155-pound class—O'Connor, Commonwealth pier, defeated Moore, Camp Devens. Three rounds.

Scarles, Camp Devens, and Brown, Commonwealth pier, drew. Four rounds.

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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF PEACE CONFERENCE

PETROGRAD, Jan. 24.—A detailed account of the Brest-Litovsk conference session following Gen. Hoffman's bold statement of the aims of the central powers was published by the Smolny institute today. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, addressing the conference, declared that "the position of the Austro-Germans was now absolutely clear," and continued:

"Germany and Austria seek to cut off more than 150,000 square versts from the former Polish kingdom of Lithuania, also the area populated by the Ukrainians and white Russians, and further they want to cut into ter-

ritory of the Letts and separate the islands populated by the Estonians from the same peoples on the mainland. Within this territory Germany and Austria wish to retain their reign of military occupation, not only after the conclusion of peace with Russia, but after the conclusion of a general peace. At the same time the central powers refuse not only to give any explanation regarding the terms of evacuation, but also refuse to obligate themselves regarding the evacuation.

"The internal life of these provinces lies therefore for an indefinite epoch in the hands of these powers. Under such conditions any definite guaran-

tees regarding the expression of the will of the Poles, Letts and Lithuanians is only of a illusory character. Practically it means that the governments of Austria and Germany take into their own hands the destiny of these nations."

Trotsky declared that he was glad now that the central powers were speaking frankly, stating that Gen. Hoffman's conditions proved that the real aims were built on quite a different level from the principles recognized on Dec. 25 and that real or lasting peace was only possible on the actual principle of self-definition.

"It is clear," he continued, "that the decision could have been reached long ago regarding peace aims if the central powers had not stated their aims differently from those expressed by Gen. Hoffman."

Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, German secretary for foreign affairs, replied to Trotsky, declaring in principle that Gen. Hoffman's aims were the same as those advanced on Christmas. Throughout the negotiations, he said, the Germans had kept in view the ethnological boundaries and the actual boundaries of the old Russian empire. He said that the central powers intended to permit free self-determination, so long as the theory that the presence of troops would prevent this. Regarding evacuation, he said that it must be taken up with the newly born self-defined governments.

"If Gen. Hoffman expresses the

terms more strongly," said Dr. Kuehlmann, "it is because a soldier always expresses stronger language than diplomat. But it must not be taken from this that any discussion regarding the principles which are one, whole and well thought out."

Dr. Kuehlmann consented to Trotsky's request for a postponement of the conference, declaring, however, that it would be much pleasanter if they could finish the negotiations now as the former recess brought about many misunderstandings.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE HAS RIGHT TO CRITICISE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt yesterday in a speech before the National Press club asserted his right to criticize the conduct of the war and declared it to be every man's duty to expose inefficiency if it retards the work of the war-making machinery.

In answer to the attack on him by Senator Stone, he said the speech was an insidious effort in behalf of Germany and that the Missouri senator, who had done all he could to serve Germany in opposing war legislation, had been the first to inject partisan politics into the war.

Senator Roosevelt came out in open support of Senator Chamberlain's proposals for a war cabinet and a munitions department.

"The proposal," he said, "means that at least a proper scheme of administration will be adopted by the government. I am well aware that no scheme can accomplish anything unless the right men are put in; but at least we will get a proper scheme of administration. In Washington you have a good many star players, but mighty little team work."

While the speech contained little criticism of individuals, the colonel spoke of the "maladministration" of the war department in warmly praising the work of the senate committee. As to the worth of investigations, he said it was the duty of congress to get at the truth, and he quoted from the writings of President Wilson when at Princeton, advocating congressional inquiry into the acts of the administration.

179 STARS ON SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 25.—There are 179 stars on a service flag dedicated today at Concord high school, one, a gold star, for Richard Clarke, killed in action with Canadian forces in 1917. There are 81 men in American units, already enrolled as fighters, including 35 in France and one in Italy. Two are with Canadian troops and one is with the English army. There are 45 commissioned officers in the list.

UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL NEWS TRAFFIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The United Press association yesterday announced that the International News Service against which the Associated Press recently secured an injunction to prevent the pirating of news, had walked straight into a trap set by the United Press to show that the International News Service was pirating the news of that organization.

"The International News Service incidentally brought into newspaper fame a hitherto unknown official, 'Under Foreign Secretary' Nelosky," whose name spelled backwards, reads "Nelson" with the "N" thrown in for Russian camouflage.

The United Press early yesterday inserted "Nelosky" in a despatch from Petrograd, but soon afterward "killed" this name to all its papers. Within a short time, however, the United Press says that papers receiving the International News Service despatch with "M. Nelosky" figuring prominently in an alleged despatch from London, recounting in a general way the same

facts set forth in the United Press cable from Petrograd.

The United Press says it made sure the "Nelosky" story was sent over the wires of the International News Service. The story was printed in papers receiving the International News Service in Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco and elsewhere.

AVIATORS WIN BATTLE FOR THEIR LIVES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 25.—In a broken airplane, 3000 feet above earth, Maj. C. K. Rhinehardt and Capt. J. Phipps of the Royal British Flying corps en route from Fort Worth to San Antonio, won a thrilling battle for their lives yesterday and reached their destination safely.

The last 60 miles of the flight were made with Maj. Rhinehardt lying out on the plane and holding in position a wing on which the struts had broken. The accident happened after the men had flown 155 miles.

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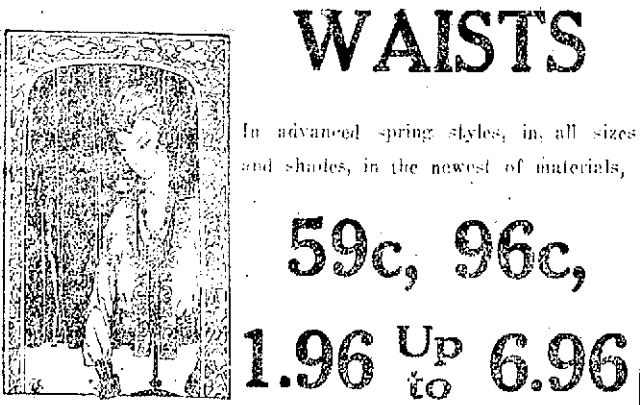
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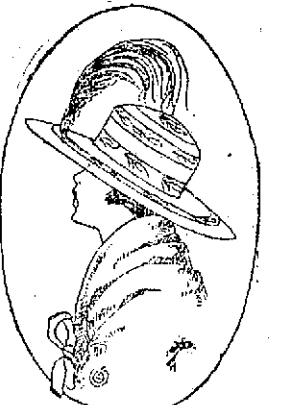
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STORROW DECLARES FUEL SITUATION WORSE

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—"The coal situation is steadily growing more acute," declared James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, last evening. "I expect a growing list of factories that will have to close," he said. Mr. Storrow was much exercised over the report from Hampton Roads to the effect that 25 government vessels will take precedence over all other craft in coal loading, which will set back the New England coal supply at that point probably for three days.

He predicted that, as a result of the priority of the government vessels and advices relative to the amount of coal now being delivered from the mines to the piers, that there would be a coal shortage there next week.

While in New York, Mr. Storrow had an hour's talk with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, and the railroad directors general executive in charge of the eastern lines as far south as Hampton Roads.

"I urged him to expedite the movement of coal to Hampton Roads," said Mr. Storrow, "and gave the figures for one mine—a typical one—tributary to the Chesapeake & Ohio. This month the number of cars placed at the mine has been equal to only about 45 per cent of the number of cars put there in the average January for three years past."

Thinks Railroad Heads Should Go With respect to the general railroad situation, Mr. Storrow affirmed very positively that there is room for improvement in some quarters.

"I don't believe in taking a sledgehammer and smashing the railroads wholesale," Mr. Storrow said, "but while I think the treatment of the railroads should be constructive and sympathetic, I also believe that there are two or three presidents of railroads in the United States who ought to be removed promptly by Mr. McAdoo."

Mr. Storrow refused absolutely to state who the men referred to are. The Storrow program of 500 cars a day has been seriously threatened by the embargo at Maybrook. Mr. Storrow has met this situation by an effort to divert the coal routed to New England via this point, to tidewater at New York.

Good progress is being made in New York, Mr. Storrow said, with regard to bunkering coal for shipping there and there are no ships held up there for lack of coal.

The next steamer of Storrow coal delivered at Boston is likely to be the government collier Achilles, which is not due for four or five days. This steamer will load for her last trip to New England at Hampton Roads probably tomorrow, unless the government allows her to remain in the New England service, which is not at all certain.

Mr. Storrow said he would go to Washington, if necessary, to try to keep this vessel in her present service. She was loaned to us by the government for one trip and is now about to make her third," said Mr. Storrow. "I regard it, however, as absolutely necessary to keep her in the New England service. We need the coal she is bringing to keep our institutions supplied and our gas plants going."

113,660 Tons by Rail in Sight New England railroads have in sight approximately 113,660 tons of coal. All that remains is to get this fuel transported from the western terminals of these roads and forward it to the factories and coal yards in New England that it may be distributed. Some of this is on the way and officials of the lines are doing everything possible to help out the situation here, yet the weather conditions have been such that their work has been retarded.

The Boston & Maine, the Boston & Albany and the New Haven yesterday succeeded in getting through only 190 cars, or about 7500 tons. Of this total 90 cars contained anthracite and 100 bituminous coal.

Four vessels arrived in the harbor yesterday with coal, their combined cargoes aggregating 11,170 tons, of which 10,360 tons were bituminous and 810 tons anthracite. Thus the total receipts of coal in this city yesterday were 14,660 tons of bituminous and 4400 tons of anthracite.

Mr. Storrow said yesterday, that he was sorry to learn that David B. Brodeur, a member of the Brockton fuel committee, had resigned and that he hoped he would reconsider his action. "If things are being mismanaged in Washington and New England is in distress, it is all the more reason why we should be on the job," said Mr. Storrow.

The Boston school committee is anxious to keep its schools open. At the meeting yesterday afternoon words of appreciation were spoken for the fuel administration, yet it was the feeling of the members of the board that something should be done so that the schools would not have to be closed again even if only enough was received from day to day to keep the buildings warm.

Plan to Save on Street Lights Commissioner Murphy of the public works department had a conference with Chairman Robert E. Stone of the fuel committee yesterday afternoon relative to the conservation of street lights in Boston.

Chairman Stone told the commissioner that he desired to have the street lights left burning in the city streets where they were necessary for public safety, decency and the prevention of crime, but where not so necessary, he desired all possible lights cut off, especially during these fine, moonlight evenings.

He especially asked Commissioner Murphy to take up the matter of the street lights to see how many of these could be turned off for a time. He will look up the exact number of lights that can be cut out. Chairman Stone is looking into the matter of private electric power and

lighting plants. He proposes to ask for the conservation of such conservancy and believes that a considerable amount of fuel may be saved in that way.

A movement for the use of smaller electric bulbs in light buildings has been started by Mr. Stone. It has the support of the Edison Electric Illuminating company.

Arrival of Coal by Water Arrivals of coal by sea yesterday were the steamers Cape Breton from Louisburg, N. S., with 2000 tons gas coal for the New England Fuel and Transportation company, to discharge at Everett; Arlington, from Baltimore, with 2322 tons of bituminous coal for the New Haven railroad; Gotland, from New York, with 437 tons of gas coal for the New England Fuel and Transportation company, Everett, and barge 801, from Perth Amboy, with 801 tons of anthracite for the Locke Coal Co., Malden.

Heavy ice floes in Vineyard and Nantucket sounds have hampered the movements of the coal barge fleet. Several tons of barges were stranded out between Vineyard Haven and Highland Light. The progress of these floes has been further retarded by a strong northwesterly breeze.

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Masachusetts forests are being drawn on to supply fuel for Boston. Green wood is being used in furnaces, stoves and stoves. The Country club is burning two cords of wood a day to heat its clubhouse. The Metropolitan Coal company has on hand 500 cords that came from the densely wooded district, a few miles southwest of Boston, and 300 cords more will arrive within a few days. The fuel committee is considering substituting wood, wherever it can be done, in the event of an extreme emergency.

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CRITICAL SITUATION ON WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The situation on the western front is now critical, in the opinion of Col. G. A. Repington, one of the foremost English military critics, who recently resigned from the Times and became military correspondent of the Morning Post.

In yesterday's issue of the Post he criticizes Premier Lloyd George and the war cabinet severely because, he asserts, they have failed to maintain the strength of the British armies in the west, thereby creating the present conditions.

ready has come of the appearance of Austrian troops in Belgium.

"Americans Only a Contingent Yet" Remarks that the accumulation of this immense force may be either to support negotiations or for a grand attack, the writer says all the evidence points to the impending delivery of a series of great attacks.

Reviewing the strength of Great Britain's allies, Col. Repington writes: "The American troops are not coming in as fast as some sanguine estimates forecast, but I feel sure that Gen. Bridges, who accompanied Mr. Bullard to the United States, must have given the war cabinet a pretty accurate forecast."

"The American army can be only a contingent during the next few months. This is all the more reason why we this year should place every available man in the field."

He asserts the total British casualties in killed, wounded and missing since the war began are but a little higher than the number of French dead.

Declaring that the British armies in France have not been maintained adequately since the death of Lord Kitchener, Col. Repington says "political strategy is first among the causes which have brought about the present critical situation on the western front."

He condemns the cabinet's failure to "urgently reinforcing our armies in the field with fresh divisions."

Halg Had to Fight Twice His Number Colonel Marshal Halg's recent statement that his drafts did not reach him in time to be properly trained and that he had to fight 131 German

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With the coming of the crisis in the fuel situation the utility of the dumpy, slow going craft, strung out in lines of two, three or more in the leath of a powerful little tug, again was recognized. Barges that had been knocking about in New England waters without finding cargoes or tugs now command high prices with little cargo space available. Barges of them are on the market and the hulks of many ancient sailing ships wrecked years ago and left derelict in sand have been salvaged, stripped of their masts and sent along the coastwise lanes in the humble guise of the barge.

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65c **BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK**

Fine make, very serviceable, assorted patterns, 64 inches wide, yard

75c **DRAWWORK SCARFS**

And shams, some with embroidery. Scarfs 17 x50; Shams 30x30...

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Worth 65c

49c

Worth 75c

\$2.98 Sale Men's A. J. Bates' Shoes

400 PAIRS

Factory seconds in gun metal, vic kid, tan and patent colt.

Men's Stocking and Rub-

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"Goodyear Glove" Rub-

bers, value \$1.98; "Ball

Band" Stockings value

\$1.25, total value \$3.23,

\$2.50

Men's "Shawmut" or Hood

Dress Rubbers, all sizes,

\$1.00

Men's Gum Rubbers, will

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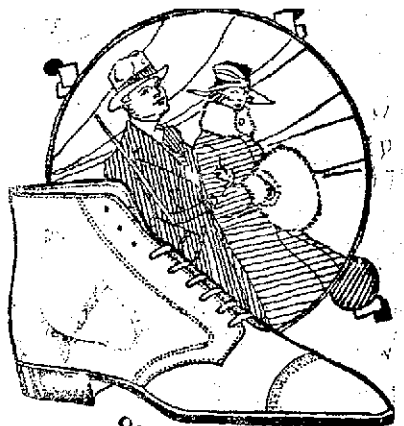
ordinary kind\$1.50

Boys' sizes\$1.25

These sales and specials

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First and Last IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Women of Lowell and Vicinity

Today we announce what we believe to be the first showing in Lowell of the

New Spring Fashions

We have only a limited number. Just enough to let you get an idea of what the Spring styles will be like. They were received from **MRS. BROMLEY SHEPARD** who is in New York. You are invited to see them at Chalifoux's Friday and Saturday.

LAST REDUCTIONS—FINAL MARK DOWNS ENTIRE WINTER STOCK OF

Suits, Coats, Dresses



50c CORSET COVERS ARE 25c; \$2.93 BLOUSES ARE \$1.98. JUST HALF PRICE AND ONE-THIRD OF—WHY?

January White Sales

BLOUSES—White Sale Specials

White and Colored Blouses, faintly trimmed, some tailored styles, 98c
White Velle and Wash Silk Blouses; regular \$2.98 value.....\$1.98
Dark Colored Striped Blouses; regular \$2.98 value.....\$1.98
White and Colored Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine Blouses; regular \$2.98 value.....\$1.98
All our discontinued styles of \$5.00 Blouses.....\$2.98
All our discontinued styles of \$7.50 Blouses.....\$5.00
Children's All Wool Sweaters; regular \$4.00 value.....\$2.98
Women's All Wool Sweaters.....\$5.00 to \$10.00



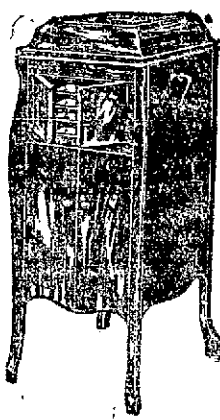
UNDERMUSLINS, White Sale Specials

Corset Covers, lace and Hamburg trimmed; regular price 50c.....25c
Women's Drawers, lace and Hamburg trimmed; regular and extra large sizes; regular prices 75c and \$1.00.....50c
Crepe Gowns, Envelope Chemises, and Long White Petticoats; regular prices 75c and \$1.00.....50c
White Flannelette Gowns and Long White Petticoats; regular price \$1.50.....98c
Envelope Chemise, Night Gowns, made of fine batiste, faintly trimmed; regular price \$1.25.....75c
Crepe de Chine and Wash Silk Envelope Chemise, faintly trimmed; regular price \$2.93.....\$1.98



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CHALIFOUX'S is Lowell's NEW Victrola Headquarters.

CHALIFOUX'S has five modern sound-proof demonstration rooms.

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CHALIFOUX'S offers an environment in keeping with the quality of the Victrola itself.

CHALIFOUX'S offers the entire variety of Victrolas from \$20.00 to \$325.00.

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Why Hesitate—Chalifoux's

Is THE place to buy your Victrola. We will bring a Victrola to your home any day or evening for a courtesy demonstration and not feel offended if you don't buy it.

HERE, BE BELIEVE, ARE The Best Overcoat Values in Lowell

\$15.00 COATS \$13.00 COATS \$10.00 COATS
\$7.85

147 Coats, odd lots. Box Coats, Conservative Coats, Long Coats with convertible collars. Plain grays, a few blacks, fancy brown, gray and green mixtures.

Men's Overcoats, Adler-Rochester make and others, \$20.00

Trench Overcoats, form fitting overcoats and box coats and Chesterfield plain models. Plain or velvet collars, plain or fancy pockets, single or double breasted, colors are plain blue, brown and gray, mixtures of gray, brown and green, one-fourth or full lined, satin sleeve lining, hand tailored\$20.00

Men's Overcoats, fancy gray and brown mixtures, plain or velvet collars, patch pockets, slant pockets and plain pockets, box overcoats, trench overcoats; value \$15.00 and \$18.00\$12.98

Men's Mackinaw Coats, sold for \$6.50 and \$8.00; to close out at\$5.00

Men's Odd Trousers, in serges and dark fancy stripes, \$2.50 to \$6.00

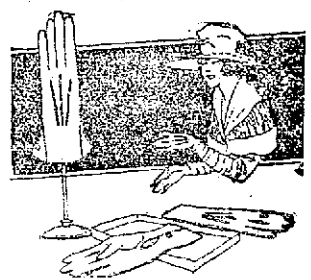


Women's and Children's GLOVES

Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens, in black and gray, slightly damaged25c
Children's Wool Gloves in oxford gray and navy blue, regular 25c value15c
Women's Silk Gloves, with suede lining, dark tan, black and gray, 3 rows black embroidery, \$1.50

Women's Imported French Kid Gloves, in tan, taupe, black and white.....\$2.50

Women's Full Finger Gloves, in black with white, white with white and ivory\$1.75



Men's Furnishings

STREET FLOOR

Men's Glanbury Undershirts and Drawers, in natural wool, All sizes\$1.25

Men's Glanbury Undershirts, in double breasted, natural wool\$2.00

Men's Heavy Worsted Union Suits, made close crotch or drop seat, either regular or float sizes. Special\$2.50

Men's Lisle Half Hose, in black, gray and tan, with reinforced heel and toe. Special for15c



All Around the Main Floor—Specials

Gold Filled Beauty Pins, two on a card; regular 25c value.....15c
Leather Hand Bags, fitted with fancy linings and mirror; regular 25c value, Special21c
Ivory Back Hair Brushes, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 value, Special \$2.00 and \$2.39
Fancy Calendars, 50c value, Special for25c
Fancy Calendars, 75c value, Special for50c
Stationery, Boston linen, 60c value, for57c
Moire Hat Bands, Special.....40c
Women's All Wool Angora Scarfs, in rose, white and blue; regular \$1.00 value, Special53c
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 14 inch hemstitched, odd initials. Special 9c

J. J. Clark Six Cord Cotton Shoel, black and white. Special dozen, 47c
Men's Viscor Knit Sweaters, in brown, blue and crimson. Broken sizes, values up to \$6.00. Special for.....\$4.00
Men's Heavy and Light Weight Worsted Union Suits, all sizes. Special \$3.00
Plain Square Hemstitched Muslin Collar and Cuff Sets.....50c
Women's Extra Fine Ribbed Hose, with reinforced heel and toe. Warrented fast color, in black, all sizes. Special20c
Women's Sample Hose, in black and white, in fibre silk, medium weight and silk lisle, value up to 25c. Special19c

Women's Fleece Lined Hose, in black, regular and outside, hem or rib top. Special37c
Women's Extra Fine Lisle Hose, in black, white and tan. Full fashion. High spliced heel and double sole, elastic or garter top. Special.....75c
Women's Fibre Silk Hose, in black and white, irregular: of 50c quality. Special for39c
Women's Black Glazed Kid Lace Boots, 8 inch top, welted sole, leather lacing heels. Special\$6.50
Women's Tan Storm Boots, welted sole, low walking heel, suitable for rough weather.....\$6.50
Women's Black Kid Lace Boots, 8 inch tops, Louis Cuban heels. Special\$5.00

Chalifoux Super-Values in Basement

Men's Heavy Wool Union Suits, in natural color, sizes 28, 40, 42, close crotch; regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 value, \$1.50
Men's Sample Undershirts, in white, red and natural wool only, sizes 10, 12 only. Special for\$1.00
Boys' Union Suits, in jersey ribbed and fleece lined, sizes 30, 32. Special 50c
Boys' Stocking Caps, in plain and fancy colors (Seconds). Special for 19c
Men's Light Weight Cotton Half Hose, high spliced heel and toe, black only. Special for12c
Boys' Suits, 3 to 16 years, juvenile and Norfolk style, broken sizes: \$1.00 value for\$2.98

Boys' Overalls, 3 to 16 years, broken sizes: \$6.00 and \$7.00 value. Special for\$4.98
Children's Flannelette Drawers and Skirts19c Each
Children's Chambray Dresses and Rompers19c Each
Children's Corduroy Hats and Wool Toppies29c
Girls' Angora Tam O' Shanter, good assortment of colors.....39c
Children's Knit Wool Leggings and Knit Garterties39c
Children's Gingham Bungalow Aprons, 39c
Children's Gingham Dresses, sizes 2 to 14 years59c, 2 for \$1.00
Children's Merino Sweaters.....\$1.00

Extra Special—Women's Chambray House Dresses39c
Women's Dress Aprons, made with elastic bells69c
Women's Flannelette Dressing Scarves, satin trimmed69c
Women's Dark Percale Wrappers, made with lined body.....98c
Women's Flannelette Night Dresses, white and colored98c
Girls' Dresses, made of Anderson Gingham98c
Women's White Crepe Bloomers.....25c
Women's Black Heatherblom Bloomers60c

THE DAY'S NEWS AT CITY HALL

The annual report of the assessors department is out and the pamphlet contains interesting information concerning poll, personal and real estate taxes. The total number of polls in 1917 was 23,210, making the total tax on polls \$56,420. The total city valuation for the year was \$90,820,901.50, the tax on city valuation being \$2,125,209.03. The total city tax including polls was \$3,181,629.53.

The net abatements for the year were as follows: Personal, \$293,177.91; \$157,453, making a total of \$378,502. The total abatements for the years previous were as follows: 1914, \$14,569.75; 1915, \$462.72; and 1916, \$525,653. These last figures are incomplete, however, for there are still cases of abatements pending in court.

Abatements on street sprinkling for the year 1917 amounted to \$95.03 and on moth assessments, \$36.70.

George P. Haggitt, who headed the clerical list for the assessors' department has been appointed a clerk of the department to succeed H. Murray Cummings, resigned. The salary is \$15 a week.

Infant Mortality

From 15th to 40th place on a list of 46 cities, such is the jump made by Lowell in infant mortality, according to the weekly report of the federal bureau of census for the week ending January 19. Lowell's rate for that week was 18.9. Cities having a higher average than Lowell are as follows: Fall River, 31.9; Spokane, 25.5; Cleveland and Milwaukee, 19.3. Some of the cities with the lowest average are as follows: Nashville, 4.3; Los Angeles, 4.4; Louisville, 5.3; Denver, 6.9; Minneapolis, 8.4 and Newark, 8.8. Boston has an average of 11.14; Buffalo, 16.7 and New York, 14.4.

School Board

The regular meeting of the school board which was scheduled to be held on the evening of Jan. 23, will be held on Monday, Jan. 28.

Halifax Relief Fund

Mayor Thompson this morning received a check to the amount of \$50 from the British American Social club for the Massachusetts Halifax Relief fund.

DEATHS

DUNHAM—Henry P. Dunham, beloved infant son of Albert E. and Edith C. Oliver Dunham, died Thursday night at the home of his parents.

DUNLAVEY—Thomas P. Dunlavy, an esteemed resident of Belvidere and for many years a valued employee of the water department, died this morning at his home, 17 Willow street, aged 68 years. He leaves a wife Rose, and two brothers, Maurice of New Scotland, and Denis of Collinsville, Conn. The body was taken to the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

DUPUIS—Mrs. Frank Dupuis, nee Rose Marie Kelly, aged 30 years, died last night at her home in Roselle, N. J. The body will be brought to this city to the home of her father, Phil Dupuis, 3 Lane street. Deceased leaves her husband, her father, two brothers, Joseph and Arthur Bolvin, and two sisters, Florence and Blanche Bolvin.

JODONI—Mrs. Eliza Harrison Jodoni, wife of Joseph T. Jodoni, died today at her home, 152 West Sixth street. She is survived by her husband, Joseph T. Jodoni, Joseph H. and Arthur F. Jodoni, Mrs. Peter Gallagher, Mrs. Joseph Turcotte and Miss Mary Harrison, all of this city, and Mrs. William Williams of West Concord, N. H.; two brothers, James and John Harrison. She was a member of the Holy Rosary society of St. Michael's church.

KENNEDY—David Kennedy, for 39 years a resident of Collinsville, died at his home, 35 Mill street, yesterday. He leaves one daughter, Alice, and two sons, Joseph and David Kennedy.

LOONEY—Frank C. Looney died suddenly yesterday at his home, 2 Rockdale avenue, aged 45 years. He had long been a member of St. Patrick's parish. He is survived by three sisters, Miss Elizabeth Looney and Mrs. James Baxter of this city and Mrs. James Kennedy of Tacoma, Wash., and three brothers, Daniel J. and Edward C. of this city and Corp. William H. of the Sixth regiment band, now stationed at Charlotte, N. C. The deceased was a member of the machineists lodge and the Navy Yard Mutual association of Charlestown.

RILEY—William Riley, an old employee of the street department, died this morning at St. John's hospital after a short illness. Mr. Riley was a devoted and constant attendant of St. Michael's church since its organization. He is survived by two sons, William H. and James; also two nieces, Miss Mary and Mrs. Peter Cook of Pawtucket, R. I. His remains were removed to his home, 58 Stanley street, by funeral director James W. McKenna.

ROBERTS—Mrs. Rosetta Roberts died yesterday at her home, 849 Lakewood avenue, Dracut, aged 73 years. She leaves her husband, Levi H. Roberts; also a niece, Mrs. Alma Nichols.

SHAW—Miss Lizzie Alma Shaw, formerly of Lowell, died this morning at the home of her brother, John A. Shaw, 21 Winthrop avenue, South Lawrence, Mass. Besides her brother she leaves two nephews and two nieces. The body was brought to this city and taken to the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

SOUZA—Maria Souza died yesterday at the home of her parents, Frank R. and Lúcia Souza, 218 1/2 Middlesex street, aged 1 year and 1 month.

FUNERAL NOTICES

DUNLAVEY—The funeral of Thomas P. Dunlavy will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons. Services will be held at the immaculate Conception church at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. A requiem mass will be sung at the immaculate Conception church at 8 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

DUNHAM—The funeral of Henry P. Dunham will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, from the home of his parents, Albert E. and Edith C. Oliver Dunham, 3 Lane street. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

LOONEY—The funeral of Frank C. Looney will take place Sunday afternoon from his home, 2 Rockdale avenue, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. A requiem mass will be sung Monday morning at 8 o'clock, at St. Patrick's church. Funeral in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

MCANN—The funeral of Patrick J. McCann will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from his home, 118 Concord street. A requiem mass will be sung at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

REARDON—The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Reardon will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock, from her late home, 115 Concord street. A requiem mass will be celebrated at the immaculate Conception church at 11 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

SOUZA—The funeral of Maria Souza will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late home, 218 1/2 Middlesex street. Burial will be held at St. Anthony's church at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

FUNERALS

CRENSBY—The funeral of Nellie C. Crensey was held at her residence, 225 Gibson street, this morning at 10 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur S. Reale, pastor of the Holy Trinity church. The bearers were Mr. J. Russell and O. E. French. Interment will be at her home in Gorham, Me. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

BARBOGIANNIS—The funeral of James BarboGIANNIS took place yesterday afternoon from the chapel of James P. O'Donnell & Sons. The services were held at Holy Trinity Greek church, at 3 o'clock. Rev. Nestor Noyes officiating. Burial was in the Edison cemetery.

BARLE—The funeral of Edward M. Barle took place this morning from his home, 5 Washington street. The mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. D. J. Heffernan. The bearers were Messrs. Bagley, Davis, Ball, Melvin, Dean and May Wright. The delegation from the K. of P. consisted of the following: Thomas McDowell, N. A. Major Wright, P. C. Max Miller, and John J. Barle. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Shea. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers C. H. Molloy's Sons.

FRAWLEY—The funeral of John Frawley took place this morning from the home of his son, Patrick J. Frawley, 31 Madison street, at 8:30 o'clock and a solemn high mass was sung at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Francis Shea as celebrant. Rev. Peter Linahan as deacon and Rev. Daniel J. Heffernan as sub-deacon, and Mr. Thos. Frawley, a grandson of the deceased, as master of ceremonies. The bearers were Messrs. John Hickey, Patrick Markham, John Winn, Patrick Kelly, Thomas Hickey and Patrick Hickey. There was a procession of floral offerings. The burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Shea. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of Undertaker George W. Healey.

JOHNSON—The funeral services of Mrs. Nellie H. Johnson were held at her residence, 48 Sixth street yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Walter P. Whitney, pastor of the Centerville M. E. church. Appropriate selections were sung by Mrs. Charles G. Martin and Mrs. Horace M. Hanson. The bearers were Messrs. James Greenhalge, Deway Greenhalge, Frank Lajoie and Dennis B. Parks. Burial was in the family lot in the Edison cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

KEARNEY—The funeral of Bernard Kearney, one of Billerica's oldest residents, took place this morning at 9 o'clock from his home, High street, North Billerica, and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends, including a number from out-of-town. The cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's church, North Billerica, where at 9:30 o'clock a funeral mass was sung by the pastor, Rev. David Murphy. There was a procession of beautiful floral tributes and of spiritual bouquets. The ushers at the house and church were James Gannon, Austin Kearney and Edward Gannon. The bearers were William Gannon, Francis Chapple, James Donovan, John Desmond, John Harrington and J. J. Connell, the latter of the latter. The grave was read by Rev. Murphy and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

LAFIERRE—The funeral of Seraphin B. Lafierre took place this morning from his home, 215 Salem street. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Jean Baptiste church at 9 o'clock by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., assisted by Rev. Eugene Turcotte, O.M.I., as deacon and Rev. Joseph Bolduc, O.M.I., as sub-deacon. The bearers were Arthur Baron, Alderick Lafierre, Pierre Gaudin, and main and Odilon Drouin. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. Charles Denzil, O.M.I. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

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MACHADO—The funeral of Arthur J. Machado took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, Manuel J. and Wilhelmina Machado, 181 Charles street and proceeded to St. Anthony's church where at 4 o'clock services were held. Rev. John Perry officiating. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

MADON—The funeral of Denis J. Madon took place this morning from his home, 35 Keene street, at 10 o'clock and was largely attended by many sorrowing relatives and friends. At St. Peter's church at 2 o'clock a requiem mass was celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. Patrick Linahan. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were Richard Mahoney, William Mahoney, Charles Murphy, Peter Flood, Michael McGovern and David Anglin. Burial took place in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where Rev. Patrick Linahan read the committal prayers at the grave. Undertakers O'Donnell & Sons in charge of funeral arrangements.

MCNAMARA—The funeral of Thos. McNamara took place this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the home of his parents, James McNamara, 30, 38 Mannum road, Dracut. The cortege proceeded to St. Mary's church, Collinsville, where at 9 o'clock a funeral mass was sung by the pastor, Rev. Michael Linahan. The bearers were Thos. Michael and Joseph McNamara and John Shields. The burial took place in St. Joseph's cemetery, Kegan, N. H., in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

MCNEELY—The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane T. McNeely took place this morning at 9:30 o'clock from the home of her son, James McNeely, 27 Sixth street, and was well attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church, where at 10 o'clock a high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Henry M. Taitan. The bearers were James Gannon, John Cost, John McMillan and Herbert Fairbrother. Burial took place in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Taitan. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

MCNEELY—The funeral services of Mrs. Anne A. Sheridan were held yesterday at the funeral parlors of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck, 42 Middlesex street. The services were conducted by Rev. Fr. E. Fisher, D.D., for the Episcopal church. Appropriate selections were sung by Harry Priestly, Walter Bruce, Charles G. Martin and Edward R. Wirt of the American quartet. The bearers were Messrs. M. Moore, M. Moore, Carlisle, Webster Johnson and George L. Moore. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Edison cemetery.

TARVIZAN—The funeral services of George Tarvizan were held yesterday afternoon at St. Martin's church, Lawrence street, the pastor, Rev. David Avidesian officiating. Burial took place in the Edison cemetery. The final prayers being read by Rev. Mr. Avidesian. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

THREE MEN AND DOZEN BAGS OF MAIL RESCUED FROM ICE

ISLESBORO, Me., Jan. 25.—Capt. E. H. Gray, Maurice Decker, Edward Beckett and a dozen bags of United States mail were rescued from the icy waters of Penobscot Bay and landed here by a lighthouse steamer.

For more than 10 days water communication with Islesboro has been cut off by ice and the mail has been pushed over the shore ice in a dory and rowed across to the mainland. The three men started for the mainland with mail Wednesday forenoon. The boat was struck by a big ice floe and began to fill, and they had barely time to get out on the ice and pull the mail bags onto the floe. Soon this began to break up and the boat sank, leaving the men wet and nearly frozen. When they had about given up hope, they sighted the lighthouse. The boat was picked up by the light house and the mail was afloat.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CALLS SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS' ATTENTION TO EXAMS.

The following letter in relation to civil service examinations was received this morning by Supt. Hugh J. Molloy of the school department from the secretary of the civil service commission and is self-explanatory:

Dear Sir: The civil service commission desires to call to your attention the different examinations which are held from time to time to fill positions in the public service of the commonwealth and the different cities and towns thereof, and to enlist your earnest co-operation in bringing to the attention of the young men and women the fact that they may prepare for and take these examinations and become eligible for these positions.

The commission has endeavored to advertise its examinations by sending out posters, giving the dates and subjects of the examinations, to the city and town clerks and to various societies and organizations. In many cases few or no persons have applied and consequently sufficient lists could not be established. Among the positions for which the commission holds examinations are policemen, firemen, secretaries, bookkeepers, clerks, copyists, messengers, office boys, accountants, stenographers, telephone operators, visitors, stenographers and typewriters in the service of the commonwealth and its cities and many of its towns. These examinations are held in the state house and in other portions of the State, and all citizens of the commonwealth have the right to apply. Applicants who pass the examinations may have their names placed on the eligible lists for the service of the commonwealth and of the city or town in which they desire to be employed.

The salaries for clerks and stenographers in the commonwealth service (not including institutions) are fixed by law for the first grade at \$500 and for the second grade at \$450 with increase by yearly increments of \$50. The salaries in the institutions vary, and usually include a certain amount per month and maintenance.

I have taken the liberty of sending to you, under separate cover, a copy of the report of the commission, the civil service law and rules, and a manual of information to applicants; and, unless you object, posters of examinations will be regularly sent to you. The commission will be pleased to hear from you as to any assistance which you can give in this matter, and will appreciate anything you are able to do to further its ends, and to obtain competent young men and women to fill positions under its jurisdiction. Very truly yours,

JOHN C. GILBERT, Secretary.

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FISH	SPECIALS	MEATS
15c Shore Haddock.....12c lb.	13c Mueller's Macaroni.....10c	40c Sirloin Roasts.....30c lb.
38c Halibut.....32c lb.	13c Campbell's Soup.....10c	42c Rump Roasts.....35c lb.
25c Steak Cod.....20c lb.	10c Old Dutch Cleanser 3 for 25c	28c Milk Fed Fowl.....35c lb.
8c Fish for Chowder.....5c lb.	12c Strained Tomato 3 for 25c	20c Veal Stew.....15c lb.
25c Steak Whitefish.....20c	12c Egg Noodles.....3 pkgs. 25c	30c Veal Chops.....25c lb.
20c Flounders.....15c lb.	15c Shred. Wheat.....12c pkg.	38c Legs of Lamb.....33c lb.
20c Salt Salmon.....15c lb.	28c Purify R. Oats.....23c pkg.	32c Small Pork.....29c lb.
8c Salt Herring.....3 for 20c	35c Full Cream Cheese 3lb. lb.	50c Sirloin Steak.....40c lb.
20c Salt Mackerel.....18c lb.	36c Margiford Oleo.....34c lb.	45c Gen. Lamb Chops.....35c lb.
28c Red Alaska Salmon 25c can	16c Van Camp's Milk.....14c can	42c Bacon, piece.....38c lb.
18c Salt Cod.....15c lb.		18c N. E. Brisket C. Beef.....16c
15c Sardines in olive oil.....12 1/2c		32c Heavy S. Pork.....29c lb.
Whiting.....3 lbs. 25c		28c Smkd. Shoulders.....26c lb.

VEG. and FRUIT	NUT OLEO	COFFEE
10c Heavy Lettuce.....8c	34c lb.	30c lb.
3c Yellow Turnips.....5 lbs. 10c		
30c Tangerines.....25c doz.		
Mushrooms.....75c lb.		
18c Cauliflower.....15c		
20c Cucumbers.....15c		
6c Carrots.....4 lbs. 18c		
Baldwin Apples.....45c pk.		
Fancy Figs.....2 boxes 25c		
Laver Figs.....30c lb.		
Erbely Figs.....25c jar		

FRESH CALVES' LIVER,	Our Own TOMATO SAUSAGE	Home Made SAUSAGE MEAT
35c lb.	28c lb.	32c lb.

Heavy Grapefruit.....6 for 25c	War Bread.....9c	Pan Biscuit.....19 for 12c
		Large Loaf of Bread.....12 1/2c

Why Pay More?	Use in Place of Sugar	Our Own PORK SAUSAGE
28c Libby's Pineapple.....23c can		33c lb.
28c Hatchet Peaches.....23c		
15c Pure Currant Jell.....12 1/2c		

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Many Lots of Winter Overcoats Marked Down

114 Winter Overcoats have been marked down. The new prices show savings of \$2.50 to \$8.50 per coat.

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58 Winter Coats at \$12.50

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6 Sheepskin Lined Coats at \$21.50

Were \$25 and \$27.50. Mole-skin shell with fine heavy-lined sheep lining and woaded fur collar. A good buy for any man.

FINE MUFFLERS

MARKED DOWN
\$5.00 Silk Mufflers.....\$3.75
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\$1.50 and \$1.00 Silk Mufflers.....85c

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A clean-up of many lines—one, two or three of a kind. Splendid values.

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222 Merrimack Street

SURVEYOR-GENERAL FOR ALL ARMY PURCHASES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Edward R. Stellinius of New York was appointed today as surveyor general for all army purchases.

Secretary Baker, in making the announcement, said: "Mr. Stellinius will be in charge of the procurement and production of all supplies by the five army bureaus, the Ordnance, quartermaster, signal, engineer and medical. It will be his duty to co-ordinate such purchases and properly relate the same to industry, to the end that the army program be developed under a comprehensive plan which will best utilize the resources of the country."

Stellinius has been in sole charge of the allied purchases in this country and has been responsible for the development and the production of war materials.

THE LOWELL BOYS' CLUB DEFEATS LAWRENCE Y.M.C.A. LADS AT BASKETBALL

The Lowell Boys' club basketball team defeated the Lawrence Y.M.C.A. employed boys last evening by a score of 26 to 16 in the down-river city. It was a fast game and the local lancers were "there" every minute. The lineup and summary:

LOWELL	LAWRENCE
Brown R.....	if Hannah Barrett.....
.....	ing Cunningham.....
.....	Polcy.....
.....	Weinert.....
.....	flowers.....
.....	if Balentine.....
.....	Higgins.....
.....	Clough.....

ANDOVER MAN AND METHUEN WOMAN SENTENCED IN LOCAL POLICE COURT

Fred G. Stone of North Andover and Mrs. Caroline Shine of Methuen, who were arrested in a local hotel early this morning, were arraigned before Judge Enright in police court today charged with a statutory offense. Each entered a plea of not guilty, but the court after hearing the testimony in the case found both guilty and sentenced each to one year in the house of correction. They appealed.

According to the testimony of the woman's husband and a private detective, Stone and the woman kept company before the latter was married and renewed acquaintance about a month ago. The pair visited Boston the day before yesterday and last night came to this city from Lawrence in a taxi cab.

Same Old Drink?

Michael J. Guthrie, who yesterday was given a suspended sentence of five months in the house of correction after being found guilty of drunkenness, was arrested in Church street last night by Patrolmen Considine and P. Clark and sent to the police station where he was booked for drunkenness.

Suits and Overcoats \$14.75
Were \$18 and \$20
Larrabee-Rowlinson Co.
250 CENTRAL ST.
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VIENNA REPORTS WORK RESUMED IN ALL PARTS

BERLIN, Jan. 25, via Amsterdam.—A Vienna telegram under date of Wednesday to the German press says: "Work was resumed today in all factories without exception. Reports from the provinces state that the workers almost everywhere have returned to work."

FINED FOR VIOLATION OF PURE FOOD LAW

A. W. Lombard, agent of the dairy bureau of the state board of health, had a restaurant keeper, a storekeeper and several boardinghouse keepers in court this morning on complaints charging them with violation of the pure food laws.

Dimitrios H. Kolofotis, who keeps a store at 411 Market street, was charged with selling renovated butter and was ordered to pay a fine of \$25.

George E. Reed, a restaurant keeper at 303 Middlesex street, was fined \$20 for serving oleomargarine without notifying patrons to that effect. Elizabeth C. Shoen, 25 Dutton street, and Peter Brown of 103 Worthen street were each ordered to pay a fine of \$10.

Mary Buckley, an elderly woman who keeps a boarding house at 3-4 Dutton street, proved to be very talkative. She wanted to explain everything and it was all the court officer could do to make her stop talking. She finally entered a plea of guilty and was ordered to pay a fine of \$10. She then started a trade on the state officer and compared him with the Kaiser, said he was no good and earned his money easy. All efforts to keep her quiet were fruitless and the court imposed an additional fine of \$5 for contempt of court.

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RESUME AUSTRO-RUSSIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Peace negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Russia, on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, will be continued, and, in the opinion of Count Czernin, Austria-Hungarian foreign minister, peace can be assured if Russia maintains the same attitude.

Confident of Peace With Russia

This declaration coupled with the statement by Chancellor von Hertling before the main committee of the reichstag yesterday that Germany, too, hopes to reach a "good conclusion" with the Russian delegates at Brest Litovsk, indicates complete confidence on the part of the central powers as to the final success of their separate Russian plans. In view of the demands of the German delegates that Courland and the Baltic provinces be given up by Russia, and the declaration of Count Czernin that the dual monarchy will demand no annexations and no indemnities, a question of policy is raised that ensnoulds further negotiations in doubt.

Fight to Bitter End

On the question of a general peace, Count Czernin is quoted as having told the reichstag that he considered President Wilson's latest peace proposition an approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view. While there were several points in common, Count Czernin said, yet there remained the fact that Austria-Hungary, as the ally of Germany, would fight to the bitter end in defence of her alliance. He expressed the opinion that once the central powers had reached peace with Russia, the entire nations would be forced to conclude a general peace, despite the efforts of their statesmen to the contrary.

Change of Tone in Speeches

Before the main committee of the reichstag yesterday Chancellor von Hertling also discussed peace with Russia, but without making mention of the reported demands of the German delegates for the annexation of Courland and other territory. The chancellor said that the negotiations at Brest Litovsk had been suspended and that he held the hope that peace would result. Both the German imperial chancellor and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister remarked on the change in the tone of the recent speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, but the former disavowed with certain foreign newspapers that Lloyd George's speech could be interpreted as showing either an earnest desire for peace or friendship for Germany. Referring to President Wilson's speech, the chancellor

said there was no difference between Germany and the United States regarding the freedom of the seas.

Assurances of Japan's Allegiance

Renewal of assurances of Japan's allegiance to her alliance with Great Britain and the other allies has been made by Count Terauchi, the Japanese premier. In an address at the opening of the diet he declared that Japan held herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in the far east. The Russian situation, he said, was causing great anxiety.

Teutons Fall Back in Italy

Abandonment of the plan to overrun the Venetian plains seems to have been decided upon by the Austro-German armies and is indicated in the retirement from the Piave river eastward, due to the constantly harassing attacks by the Italians and French and British allies. On other fronts intensive bombardments are reported from several sectors and infantry and air raids continue on an extensive scale.

To Continue Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Austria has decided to continue peace negotiations with Russia on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, according to a Vienna despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., quoting from Count Czernin's address before the reichstag.

"I demand from Russia not a metre of territory, not a centime of indemnity," the foreign minister is quoted as having said, "and peace can be obtained if Russia maintains the same standpoint as she evidently intends to do."

"It is obvious to me," said Count Czernin, "that an exchange of views between America and Austria-Hungary might form the starting point for a conciliatory discussion among all the states which have not yet entered into peace negotiations."

Artillery Action

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The official statement issued by the war office today says: "There have been spirited artillery actions in the region of Maisons de Champagne and on a sector of the Avocourt front."

German Artillery Active

LONDON, Jan. 25.—"The hostile artillery was active yesterday and in the early part of the night west of la Vacquerie and in the neighborhood of Passchendaele," says today's official statement.

children who are born prematurely. The picture lasted about an hour. Mayor Thompson was present and it is possible that the film will be shown in Lowell at a later date although Mr. Fitzgerald was not sure just when. It has already been passed by censors in Boston, Holyoke, Worcester and other cities.

FIRE SMOULDS IN HAY IN BURNED BUILDING

Hundreds of people viewed the ruins of the sales stables of C. H. Hanson & Co. in Rock street last night and today, and those who were on the scene about nine o'clock last night saw the blaze break out anew but the flames were extinguished before they had gained much headway.

Seven pieces of fire apparatus remained in the vicinity of the buildings until 8:30 o'clock last night when they returned to their respective stations. Six firemen remained on the scene all last night and today, the men being relieved at six or seven hour intervals. It was well that the firemen were on hand last night for about nine o'clock a brisk blaze broke out in several bales of hay and gave the firemen a lively battle for a few minutes. This fire, the firemen say, will burn for about a week or more and will not be extinguished until all the bales are pulled out of the building, the bands broken and the hay overhauled. The wetting down process lasted until about midnight last night.

There will be much difficulty in removing the bales, owing to the fact that portions of the floors are unsafe and when some of the bales are removed the release of weight is liable to cause a sudden collapse. It was learned this morning that three of the four automobiles in the front portion of what is known as the shed were not burned. These machines are owned by C. H. Hanson & Co. and had been stored in the front portion of the building for the winter. The machines in the paint shop, however, were destroyed. One of these machines valued at about \$6000 is the property of a local mill agent.

Capt. Dolan of Hose 11 suffered two broken ribs as a result of being struck by the pole of a heavy truck which was being removed during the progress of the fire. Edward Smith of Truck 2 had his hip injured when he fell from the top of several bales of hay between two wagons and John McManis of Truck 3 suffered an injury to his right foot.

Two lengths of hose, which had never been used before, were lost when one of the floors caved in.

ENGINEERS

OF LOCAL 352 OF I.U.S. & O.E.

A meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27th at hall, 36 Central st.

HEARINGS UNDER THE COMPENSATION ACT

A hearing and two conferences under the workman's compensation act were held at city hall this morning. C. E. Cleason of the Industrial accident board being in charge.

The first conference had to do with the case of John F. Hanley, an employee of the city of Lowell, who claims that on June 9, 1917 while loading a cart with dirt he placed his foot on an upraised cobble and broke his ankle. No decision was reached.

The other conference was in the case of Walter S. Brown, of Wrentham, Mass., an employee of the South Acton Woolen Co., who claims he broke his collar bone by falling while in the performance of his duties in the plant of the company. Brown claims his foot got caught in a metal sheet on the floor with the result that he fell against a post. The insurance company is the Maryland Casualty Co.

The hearing was in the case of Yvonne Blanchette, a 15-year-old girl, who was employed at the J. P. Tilling shoe Co. On Sept. 6, 1917, the young girl had her hand caught in a sewing machine and as a result of the accident she lost four fingers of the right hand. She is asking for double compensation on the ground of alleged negligence on the part of the company, and also for permanent injury. Stanley E. Qua, attorney for the girl, and Lewis R. Doyle for the Travelers Insurance company, the insurer. No decision was given.

MOVING PICTURE GIVEN TRIAL PRESENTATION AT THE STRAND THEATRE

"Birth," a moving picture production of the Hygienic Film Co. of New York and distributed in New England by the Hub Pictures corporation of Boston, was given a trial presentation at the Strand theatre this morning at 11 o'clock before a small audience of local doctors, clergymen and a committee of ladies who had been asked by Mayor Perry D. Thompson to view the film and express their opinion of its value as an educational picture. At the conclusion of its showing the general opinion was that the production was most instructive and that there was not anything in it which challenged the boundaries of good taste.

D. S. Fitzgerald, representing the Hub Pictures corporation, spoke informally in the lobby of the Strand before the picture was presented, and told of the purpose of the film. It was designed primarily for women. Its main object is to instruct women in proper exercise and general care of health both in the period of expectancy and after the child is born. The scene of the picture was laid almost entirely in a modern scientific hospital in New York and the greater part of the film was given over to a portrayal of modern methods in the care of children. Every detail of the baby's welfare was included in the portrayal from birth up to the age of four or five years.

The latter part of the picture showed how scientific nursing methods are able to bring around to normal health



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that formerly sold to 25.00.

Clearance Price

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Materials in Wool Plush, Velours, Pom Pom, Salt's guaranteed Silk Plush. Fine Tibets, heavy Mellons and Broadcloths among the assortment.



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Styled in High Waisted, Box Plaited and conservative models. Fur Collar and Silk trimmed effects. All sizes, 14 to 44.



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Pretty Voile, Pique and French Batiste Waists,

98c

Lingerie and Crepe Silk Waists, in tailored and trimmed models,

1.98

Silk Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, lace trimmed and tailored models,

2.98

Stripe Taffeta and Messaline Waists,

2.98

Sample Blouses of Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta, suit shades, flesh and white,

3.98

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Dainty Tea Aprons, in fine Muslin, dotted Swiss and Lawns, plain and lace trimmed, sewing pockets and satin ribbon effects. Clearance price,

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Scarfs,

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Coats in sizes 2 to 6 years; formerly selling to \$5.98

3.00

Coats in sizes 6 to 14 years; formerly selling to 12.98

5.00

Coats in sizes 14 to 16 years; formerly selling to 18.50

9.00

ALL WOOL SERGE DRESSES

Sizes 6 to 14 years

3.49

NEW WASH DRESSES

Sizes 2 to 14 years

1.00

SUN BREVITIES

Best Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

T. C. Lee & Co. carried insurance on Mr. Patrick O'Hearn's automobile which was burned in the Hanson fire.

Unsigned personals of any description will receive no attention. Contributors must give name and address.

Romuald Fontaine, formerly of this city and now of Cohasset, N. Y., is the guest of his brother, J. L. Fontaine of Middlesex street and his sister, Mrs. Francis Pelletier of Dracut.

John Riley, employed in the shoddy plant of the Beaver Brook mill in Colinsville fell from a step ladder while oiling a shafting Wednesday and sustained a broken collar bone. He was removed to his home, where he was attended by the family physician.

Miss Yvonne Ducharme of Bixler street was pleasantly surprised at her home Wednesday evening on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of her

birth. The young woman was the recipient of appropriate gifts. During the evening musical numbers were given and luncheon was served.

The members of Hose 4 were summoned to the corner of Tanager and Howard streets shortly after 1 o'clock this morning to extinguish a blaze in a car of ashes. The car was slightly damaged. Employees had shoveled ashes from the engine pits at the roundhouse into the car to be taken away and the woodwork of the car caught fire.

The members of the Y.M.C.A. are elected over the acceptance of an invitation by Judge Jacob Asher of Worcester to speak in this city next Sunday afternoon. Judge Asher is a noted orator, and his coming here is looked upon in local Jewish circles as one of the most important events in years. Mr. A. Romschewsky of Boston will also speak. The affair will be held in the Howard street synagogue at 2:30 o'clock.

The chairman representing the school districts of the Junior Rod

Cross auxiliaries had a meeting last night, at which the Lakeview Avenue school paid its full quota of 25 cents for each pupil, teacher and janitor in the building, kindergarten included, thus attaining full membership as an auxiliary. The Lakeview is the second primary school in the North Middlesex division to do this. The Greenhalge primary being the first. The inclusion of the Lakeview Avenue school completes the necessary payments of the Greenhalge district, and flags have now been carried by all the schools in it.

BODY FOUND IN LAKE BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF LOWELL MAN

Supt. Welch of the police department has received a communication from L. G. Bourban, Jr., medical examiner of Henry, N. H., informing him that the body of an unknown man was found in Lake Massabesic, Manchester, N. H., the day before yesterday. The writer is of the opinion that

the man may have belonged in Lowell or vicinity.

The following is the description given out: Height, 5 feet 2 1/2 inches; weight, about 175 pounds; full smooth face, lower teeth fair, upper teeth missing, heavy sandy eyebrows, gray eyes, long thin nose; wore a black tie, low white collar, white outing shirt with black pencil stripes, blue jersey, blue pants, black soft hat, size 7 1/2; black medium weight overcoat, black medium weight stockings, black low shoes and gray two-piece underwear. In the pockets of the man's clothing was found a chainis tobacco pouch and a new briar pipe.

The body is now at the undertaking rooms of Elmer D. Goodwin, 6 Stark street, Manchester, N. H.

GERMAN MINES SINK OWN DESTROYERS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25.—The mine field responsible for the sinking on Sunday of the German destroyers A-73 and A-79 was of German origin. The 17 men from the crew of the A-79, the only survivors from the two vessels, suffered greatly for four days in the open sea. It was from these survivors it was learned that the mine field was German.

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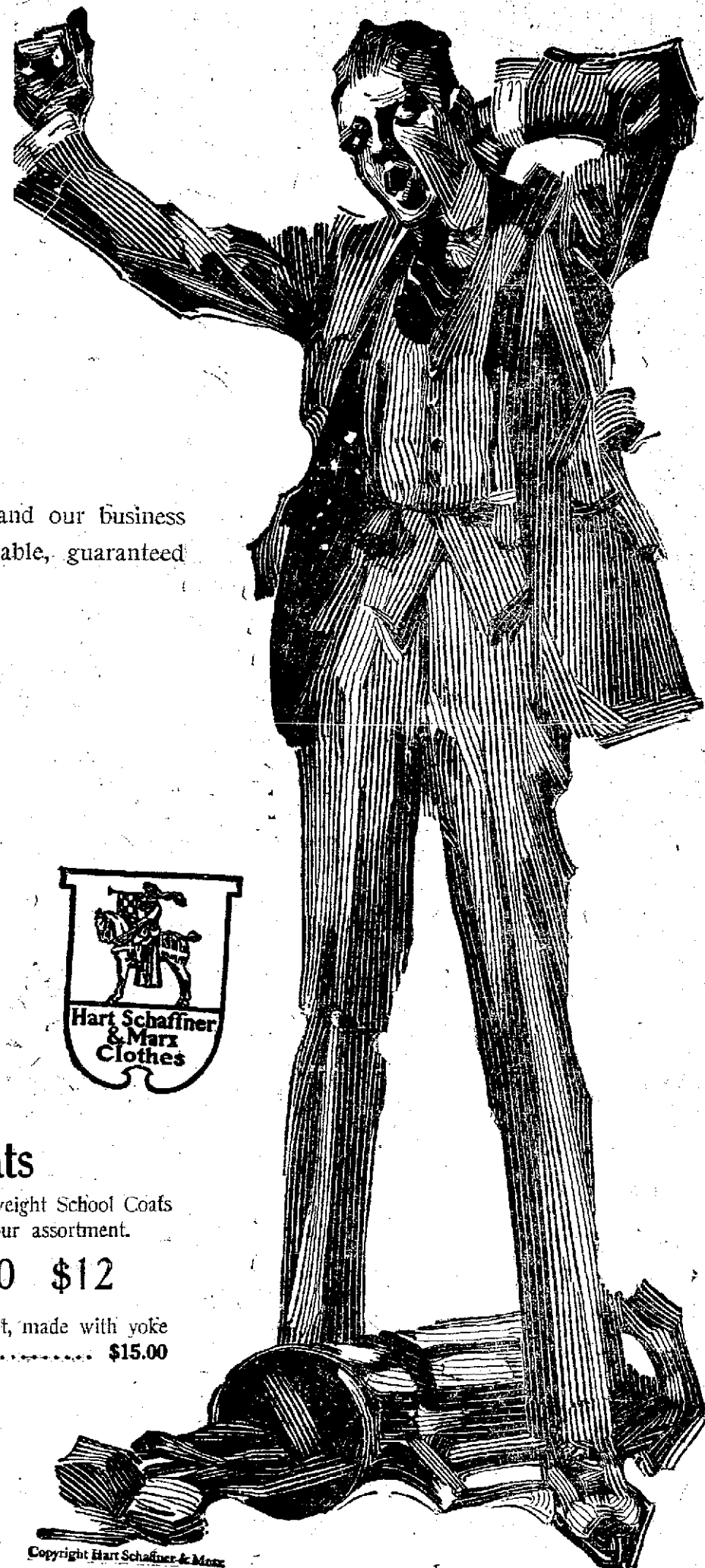
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ARMOUR & CO. PRESENT ANNUAL REPORT

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Armour and company's business in the United States in 1917 amounted to \$375,000,000, on which a net profit of \$21,000,000 was earned, according to the firm's financial report made public today. The firm's business in products originating in this country—sold both here and abroad—was \$30,000,000 greater than the world business of the firm in 1916.

Net income was equivalent to 14.5 per cent. on invested capital or 21 per cent. on the capital stock. The profit from the sale of meat and other food products amounted to 2.21 cents on each dollar of sales.

In 1916, Armour's total profits were \$20,000,000—14.7 per cent. on investment and 20 per cent. on capital stock. A. Ogden Armour, in a statement accompanying the financial report, offers as an explanation for the high price of meat products during the past year, the fact that live meat animals cost approximately 37 per cent. more than they did the preceding year.

A search of the entire city of La Crosse, Wis., for a German flag to be used in a high school play failed to bring one to light.

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND THE WAR

Enrollment in American public schools has been affected by the war, but not to the extent of making it less than last year, according to figures compiled by the department of the interior through the bureau of education. Figures from 1411 cities and 695 counties or districts show an increase of close to the normal amount of 21.2 per cent. in elementary schools. In high schools, however, the increase is only one-fourth of the usual 31.2 per cent.

Such increase as there is in high school enrollment is caused by the girl students. Fewer boys are enrolled this year in every class in high school except the fourth; apparently there is a healthy tendency for boys in the senior year to remain and graduate.

In city elementary schools the increase in enrollment is actually somewhat above normal; but in city high schools there is a marked falling off, especially among the boys.

Country schools show some gains over last year both in elementary and high school enrollment, but not as great as would be expected under normal conditions. Rural high schools show increases for both boys and girls, despite the war.

WORKERS WILL RULE THE WORLD, SAYS SCHWAB

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., declared in an address at a dinner here last night that the time is near at hand "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world."

"The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration," Mr. Schwab declared, "and in the very near future we must look to the worker for a solution of the great economic questions now being considered. I am not one to carelessly turn over my belongings for the uplift of the nation, but I am one who has come to a belief that the worker will rule, and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and the world at large."

"In these times of war," Mr. Schwab said, "we of America should not criticize the actions of our president and our nation. We are behind him and we are behind the nation. When I say 'we' I mean the steel men of the United States. Within the next 18 months we will have more tonnage on the ocean than all the nations of the world."

But don't let us run away with the idea that we have a light job on our hands. We must realize that it is the duty of every citizen to give his last dollar and his last drop of blood in defense of his country. I am not discouraged and pessimistic, but we must contribute our money as we never contributed before. We must forget our personal notions and stand by our nation. Let us place dependency upon our government and our cause."

Mr. Schwab's address was delivered at a dinner of the alumni of grammar school 46, of which he is a graduate.

GERMAN ATROCITIES FAIL TO
BREAK UP UNITY OF
BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 25.—After more than three years of effort, the German authorities in Belgium have to admit the failure of their attempt to drive a wedge between the two races and languages in Belgium. The unity of Belgium still exists, and there are signs that the Germans have given up, at least for the time being, their attempt to break it up.

The authority for this statement is the German propaganda weekly in Holland, the Troostkamp, which states

that the present policy of the government general in Brussels is "more moderate," and that "Berlin approves this policy as a means of gaining peace." The article concludes by advising the advocates of the former German policy to steer a middle course and give up their "foulness of rhetoric."

The attempts of the Germans to force the Flemish language on Brussels and Antwerp are declared to have completely failed and the government has had to confess itself beaten. The supporters of the German scheme among the Belgian population are known as "activists," and are very unpopular among the majority of their fellow citizens. An activists "demonstration" was arranged in Brussels recently and was much exploited in the German press at the time. But, according to the Echo Belge, the demonstration was a fiasco.

"Instead of 3000, the audience was only 1000," says the newspaper. "Moreover, one-third of those were Dutch and another third Germans, partly in uniform. The procession to the market place was attacked as soon as it was formed by the crowd, notwithstanding the protection of the local police. Next time are beginning to be divided into Maximalists and Minimalists and are becoming very difficult for their German bosses to handle."

Dirty Hands? Surprise Cleaner.

What to Do When Backache Comes on

"Foley Kidney Pills have done me more good than \$100.00 worth of other medicines," writes Chas. H. Fox of Hiram, N. Y.

When backache comes on, and it seems as if you can't stand the pain and pressure in the small of your back and sides, do not feel that you must continue to suffer, but get a bottle of Foley Kidney Pills and begin taking them. They usually help from the very first dose.

It is worth a good deal to you to know that Foley Kidney Pills give you just what your system needs to repair the weak sick kidneys. It is their inability to do their work properly that causes your pain and misery. Foley Kidney Pills lead to middle-aged and elderly people the spryness and elasticity of youth. They take away the cause of backache, stiff and aching joints, rheumatic pains and annoying bladder and urinary troubles. Try them today.

Falls & Harkinslaw, 418 Middlesex St., Moody's Drug Store, 301 Central St.

FOURTH YEAR OF WAR REMARK- ABLE FOR SUSTAINED ACTIV- ITY OF TRADE

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The fourth year of war has been remarkable for the sustained activity of trade, the continuance and cumulative increases in wages and the ferment in the engineering and munition industries, says the Daily Telegraph.

During the past 12 months wage increases in workingmen exceeded \$100,000,000 and the increases during the three years, 1915-16-17, together with the rise in prices of commodities, have completely revolutionized the pre-war economic basis of British trade.

The unpleasant feature of the year has been the growing discontent and unrest pervading large sections of the workers and this is seen in the number of industrial disputes. Official returns from January to November indicate there were 494 disputes during those months affecting 647,724 workers and causing the loss of over 3,500,444 working days, the greatest loss of time being recorded during September, October and November.

The number of persons unemployed is the lowest on record, and throughout the war period the figure has steadily declined till it is now below one per cent.

LONDON GUIDED BY WOMEN

LONDON, England, Jan. 25.—London is the first village in England to be entirely guided by women. A woman's village council has been set up, and the subjects under discussion are housing, infant welfare and education. Neighbourliness is encouraged and a fair temper shown in discussion.

FIRE BOMB MAKER'S CONFESSION ADMITTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The transcript of an alleged confession by Ernest Becker, who, with Franz von Rintelen, a German naval officer, and 15 others, is on trial here charged with conspiracy to place fire bombs on ships in New York harbor, was admitted in evidence yesterday.

Becker, who was deck electrician on the liner Friedrich der Grosse, which was moored in Hoboken during August, 1914, is said to have admitted having made the tubes which were used as fire bombs, when he was

questioned by Fire Marshal Brophy, soon after being arrested.

Becker is said to have further declared that Dr. Walter P. Scheele, a German chemist named in the indictment, who fled from this country about two years ago, gave him a sample of the tubes which Becker afterward made in large quantities. On one occasion, Becker is alleged to have stated, he saw the doctor pour a small quantity of fluid on some white powder which immediately burst into flame.

Carl Gustafson, who was a carpenter on the steamer Kirkswald when he sailed from New York for Larnigan, the men injured, may recover. The concern is at work on a government contract.

four tubes were found in sugar bags stored in the hold.

"When I picked one of them up my fingers felt as though they were burning," Gustafson said.

MAN KILLED WHEN HYDRO-
EXTRACTOR BURST AT THE
PROVIDENCE DYE CO.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 25.—One man was killed and two were badly hurt late yesterday when a hydro-extractor burst in a drying room of the Providence Dye Co. Patrick Conley is dead, William Gregory and Joseph Lannigan, the men injured, may recover. The concern is at work on a government contract.

Overnight Relief for Constipation

THE mild, pleasant-tasting combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, taken just before bedtime, will afford grateful relief next morning, without griping or other discomfort.

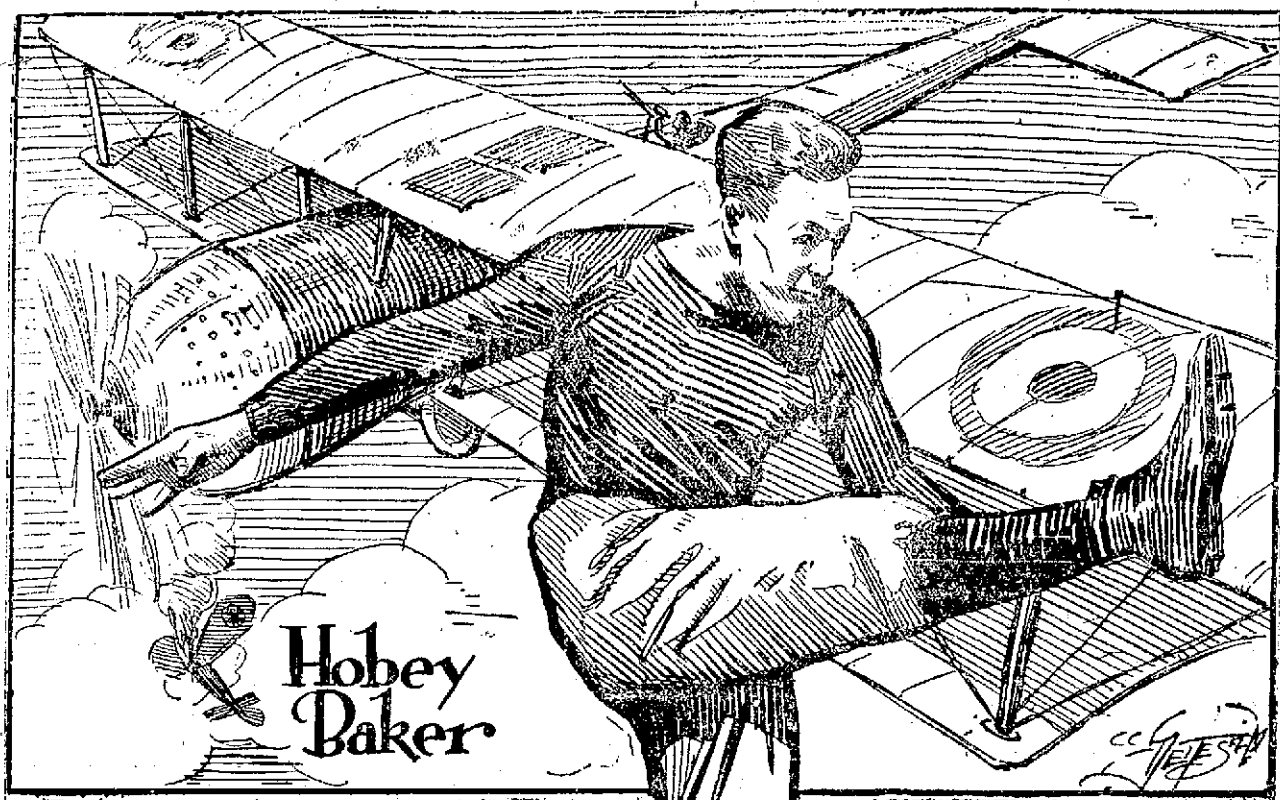
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HAIL TO HOBEY IN GREAT WAR GAME.



Hobey Baker

"With the American armies in France.—A German airplane was shot down by an American aviator, a former college football captain."

This succinct report flashed over the wires a few days ago. An American in American service had shot down a German airplane. A former college football captain.

It didn't take football fans long to figure out who the hero was—Hobey Baker, one of the greatest athletes Princeton ever produced, and one of the first finished aviators to go to France must be the man.

It was not difficult to see Baker in his role. Always daring and fearless, yet a cool determined calculating battler at every game he ever attempted, he would make an ideal fighter above the clouds.

Baker had won on the athletic fields of America more honors than are usually accorded to one man, but at one stroke in France he secured greater

honors than he amassed during his three years of collegiate athletic endeavors.

It has been several years since Hobey Baker first broke across the athletic horizon at Princeton. During his sophomore year at college he made both the football and baseball teams and was eventually elected captain of both. During his junior and senior years he was generally picked as All-American halfback. He was known as much for his dogged determination as for his brilliant play upon the football field. One year playing a heavier, stronger Dartmouth team Baker's booting saved the day for the orange and black, although he was forced to use a heavy soggy ball on a wet field, upon which rain fell intermittently.

As a hockey player Baker probably has never been surpassed. After leaving college he led a club hockey team which won every game it played, mainly through the efforts of Baker. It is certain he might have gained

other attainments, if rules at Princeton had not restricted the number of major sports in which he was permitted to compete. It is said he has run 100 yards in 10 seconds in a football uniform and Princeton track men were confident he would have tied the world's record for the event had he ever gone in for track.

Baker was the type of man who always looked for new thrills. He had not been out of college long when he learned to drive an airplane. When America went to war he was among the first to enlist for foreign service.

There is much in common between Baker and that other Princetonian, who gave his life for France, Johnny Poe. Both were great athletes, both were venturesome. When Baker "got his Boche" he partly avenged the death of Poe, who died in a charge with the famous "Black Watch."

SURPRISE

DIRT can easily be removed by placing a small amount of **SURPRISE CLEANSER** WITHOUT water on the spot you wish to remove, and brushing with a scrubbing brush or nail brush until the DIRT is loosened. Wipe out with wet cloth, sponge or rinse in water as convenient.

Whole Rugs or Art Squares can thus be cleansed to good advantage without removing them from the floor.

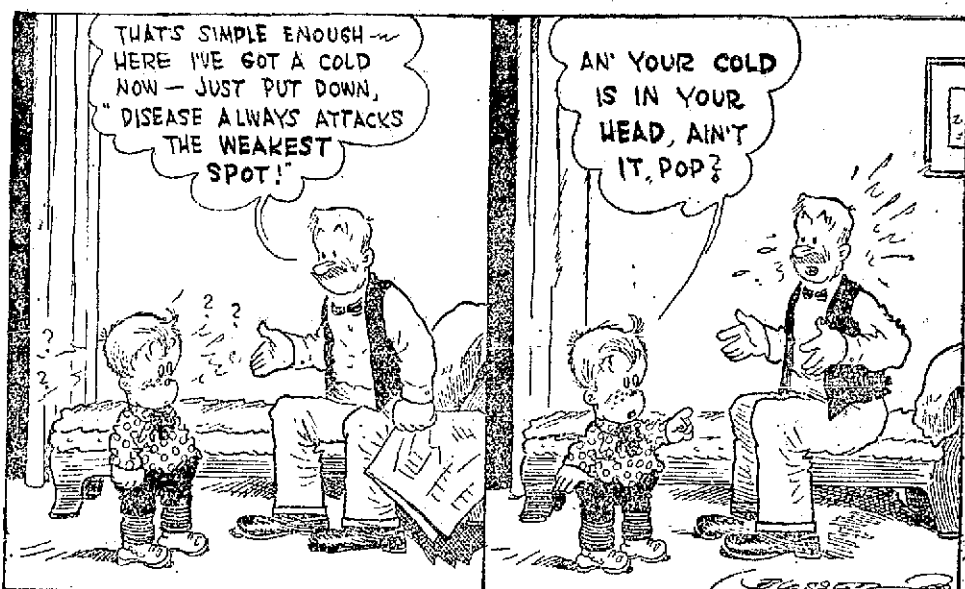
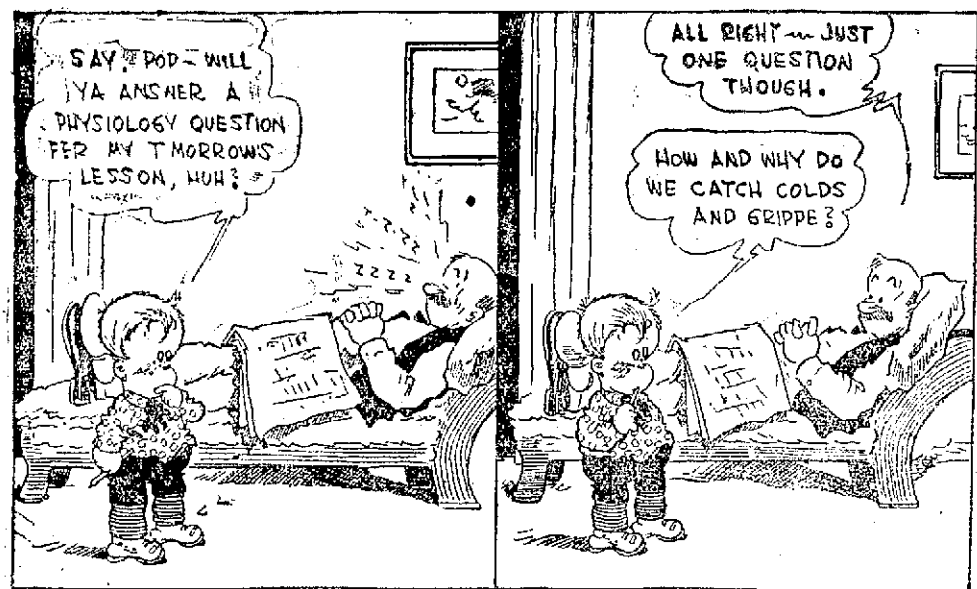
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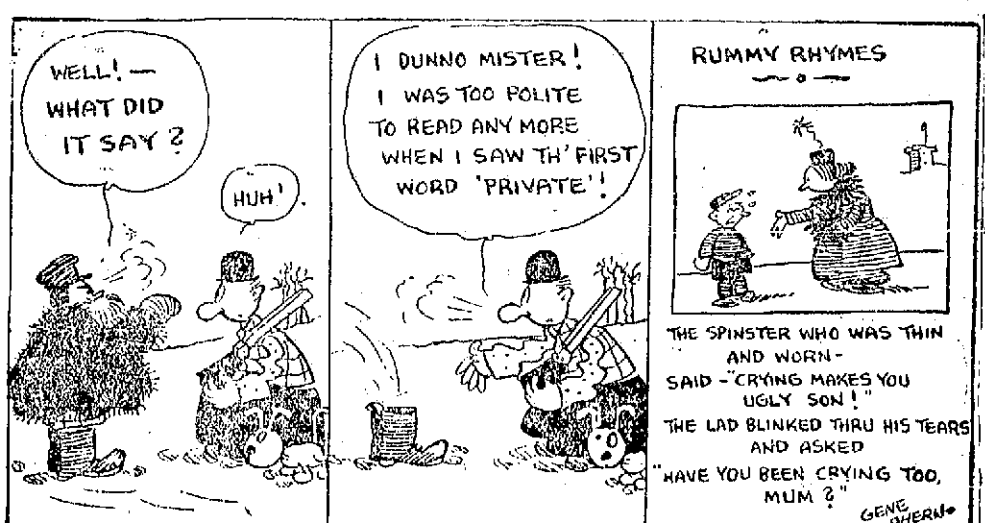
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THAT DID IT



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RUMMY RHYMES



THE SPINSTER WHO WAS THIN AND WORN—SAID—"CRYING MAKES YOU UGLY SON!" THE LAD BLINKED THRU HIS TEARS AND ASKED "HAVE YOU BEEN CRYING TOO, MUM?"

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CHAMBERLAIN'S FLUKE

U. S. Senator Chamberlain, who fears not "God, man, nor devil," has made a feeble effort to sustain the charge he made against the administration at Washington—that of general inefficiency and failure in every department.

He has now centered upon the war department and charges that it is responsible for thousands of deaths in the cantonments due chiefly to epidemics that might have been prevented.

The senator is on very uncertain ground when he undertakes to discuss the origin and prevention of epidemics. Take for example measles, which has been, so far as we know, the only epidemic in the camps. Will the senator tell what caused this epidemic or how it might have been prevented? We doubt whether there is a physician in the land who could do this. The measles caused some deaths directly and in many cases became the indirect cause of pneumonia, which caused numerous deaths, but not thousands.

It is no wonder at all that many soldiers were taken down by pneumonia as a result of being hurried into newly constructed camps and subjected to military training in the coldest winter we have had for forty years. The administration will now have to bear the blame for what the cold weather may have done to bring on illness of various kinds.

We do not believe that Chamberlain can sustain any charge he has made, but whether he does or not as a result of his course he must be classed as a new recruit to the "wifful" coteries made up of republicans and democrats and who have from the beginning showed a strong tendency to give aid and comfort to the enemy by hampering the administration in its management of the war.

In the present instance Chamberlain although supposed to be a democrat, is aiding the republican insurgents in an effort to take over the management of the war and to establish a war cabinet subject to their approval and which would exercise supervisory powers over the acts of President Wilson. It is an attempt to nullify his constitutional powers. It would be fatal to the success of the war.

The men at the head of this movement are Roosevelt and Penrose, their aim being chiefly political, and patriotism but the mantle to hide their hypocrisy.

The people of this country, we believe, want no foolery of this kind and will not tolerate it. The president must stand free of all cliques and combinations if he is expected to conduct the war to a successful finish. In that attitude the nation must stand behind him and this outbreak of political jealousy will brand the men identified with it as among the most dangerous in the country despite their professions of patriotic sincerity.

MR. CARSON'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Sir Edward Carson from the British war cabinet, the report of a split in the Irish convention and the recent utterances of Carson's lieutenant, Sir Frederick E. Smith, in this country, in opposition to home rule—all go to indicate a crisis in the Irish situation.

It is currently reported that the convention has frequently been at the point of breaking up because of the unwillingness of the Unionists to agree to any form of self-government that would give a Dublin parliament legislative power over the Unionist counties of that province.

It is also reported that Premier Lloyd George has interposed to save the convention from failure and if possible to bring the Ulster men to terms. There is no doubt that the premier is anxious to have the Irish question settled in a peaceful manner, but that may be impossible without coercing Ulster and unless Lloyd George shows more courage than did Asquith he will not adopt the coercive policy.

It is alleged that Mr. Carson retired in order that he may be free to oppose the inclusion of Ulster in the home rule scheme, but we do not believe he would dare offer any opposition at this stage. When the convention was organized, he favored its aims and expressed himself as favorable to an amicable settlement; but that did not indicate that he was willing to concede anything that would make possible a settlement acceptable to nationalist Ireland.

To have a discontented Ireland held down only by a large army of occupation is peculiarly embarrassing to England at the present time when she proceeds to the world that she is fighting for the rights of small nationalities to self-determination in the matter of self-government. It is just possible that Sir Frederick E. Smith, the close lieutenant of Carson, came to this country as an ambassador of Carson in order to test public sentiment upon the issue.

Whether or not that was his mission, he certainly can carry back to Mr. Carson the news that the situation is an embarrassment to this country as well as to England in conducting the war and in fighting among other things for the rights of subject nationalities. It is now incumbent on Lloyd George to show courage where Asquith showed cowardice in nullifying a home rule not merely to avoid a conflict with Ulster.

The British liberals and the British

democracy are still strongly in favor of home rule. They have favored it since Gladstone's day, but not until the restriction of the veto power of the peers, could any such measure be carried. Asquith by his action virtually transferred the veto power of the peers to Ulster so far as the home rule question is concerned. The crop of evils that have occurred since 1915 is the result.

THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

This is no time to frame penalties for the non-enforcement of the eight hour law.

A bill now before the legislature would provide a penalty ranging from \$50 to \$500 for any individual or corporation that authorized any employee to work more than eight hours a day in any mill, factory or establishment in this state.

The law does not apply to watchmen and men employed making necessary repairs or in emergency where life and property are in imminent danger. The work on government orders under military necessity should be outside the operation of any such law.

There is little doubt that the eight hour day will become general in the near future, but while the war lasts, it may be necessary to extend the hours of labor rather than shorten them. It would be against the interests of the nation to place any obstacle in the way of such an exigency.

That measure should be laid away until after the war. The tendency of the times is for shorter working hours and nothing will be lost by displaying a little patriotic patience under present conditions. It is equally true that even in war times the physical health of the people must be protected lest by over exertion the operatives should break down and thus impair the efficiency of our industrial system on which the waging of successful war depends.

BAR THE STUFF

There should be some licensing body to pass upon circulars and advertisements distributed in the homes of our city. Some bad stuff of various kinds is put into the letter boxes and doors of houses to be read by whoever may pick it up. This literature may deal with quack medical remedies or the promotion of propaganda war ranging from polemics and pacifism to socialism and anarchy. There should be an ordinance providing that no such matter be distributed without the approval of some municipal authority.

The story of German atrocities told by Major Grayson Murphy, formerly in charge of American Red Cross work in France, cannot be doubted. He speaks from personal observation and what he says only confirms similar versions told by scores of speakers and writers.

The toll of the U-boats for last week is somewhat smaller, but that indicates only a breathing spell after which they will come back stronger to the attack. The allies have not as yet found any effective method of beating the submarine menace.

A bible class is the last place one would expect to find disloyalty, but yet such a class conducted at West field was a hotbed of sedition. The bible feature was but a cloak for the German propaganda.

After all, the five day shut down has not brought serious consequences to industries anywhere, while in helping to clear the railroad congestion it certainly did much good.

Food, fuel and munitions have the right of way on the railroads.

FOOD TO FIGHT ON

CREAM

BEANS

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PEAS

Digestible Nutritious, Economical

Before taking your train home from Boston get The Sun at either newsstand in the North station.

SEEN AND HEARD

Perhaps there are those who think that toomotor ataxia has something to do with taxicabs.

The new woman who wants to vote would sometimes prefer not to have people know how old she is.

Speaking of moving pictures, it's a peaky job when you have to rehang every picture on the parlor wall.

After all, it won't make any practical difference to you how many carriages string out in line at your funeral.

If everybody should always give credit where credit is due, every reader of this, it is to be hoped, would get a lot.

There are people whom it doesn't make any happier to think how much colder it is on the northern coast of Greenland.

One trouble the sensible man has in counting one hundred before he speaks when he loses his temper is that he has to spend so much time counting.

Does it give you any more confidence when you see a automobile riding to have the man who has invited you tell you that he always knows what to do in an emergency.

Some look at the sky in the morning to see what the weather is going to be and some read the weather predictions, and it is hard to say which lot gets to know the least about it.

Helping Out a Wireless Home

On a crowded outgoing train from the South station the Boston Record's Looker-On managed to obtain a vacant seat with a rather small sized man, who had in his lap a very large sized bundle. It was suggested that he put the bundle on the floor, but he said:

"No, sir, I'm not going to quit my hold on that bundle. Do you know what is in that package? Well, sir, that's a full hod of coal, that I am taking out from my office, and, honestly, it isn't worth that package of coal we would go without our brown bread and beans."

And the Looker-On could not help thinking how funny some of these little incidents will read when our grandchildren study United States history 20 years hence.

Who Owns the Quarter?

Some years ago William Henry Yamaski, a Japanese, says the Police-mans' News, borrowed a quarter from a New York policeman name unknown. Since that time William Henry has prospered and now he wants to liquidate the loan. At least, that is what the following letters show.

Police Commissioner, New York: Dear Sir—I've been long ago 6 or 7 years ago 25 cent piece my condition very bad time. Some postman helped me 25 cents, Broker Street and Boy-danville. I was long time in Chicago and I came back this city, send back to main office from Waterbury, Conn. He can't found back me that money. Yours very kindly kept 25 cents and the following letter:

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Guard Children Against Worms

Pintworms and stomach worms are some of the most widespread diseases of children.

Signs of worms are: De-ranged stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of the child, swollen tint, eyes heavy and dull, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short dry cough, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

Dr. Truett's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, will surely and quickly expel worms, correct upset stomach and constipation. Adults are also benefited, and write us letters like this: "Dr. Truett's Elixir has done me a world of good. John Glass, Houston, Texas."

At all dealers, Inc. 60c and \$1.00. Write us.

that man can you back him. I am very gratefulness him. Kindness oblige yours truly,

WILLIAM HENRY YAMASKI, Japan.

Who Said Sugar Shortage?

A letter to the Flagham Journal from Mrs. B. H. Leves, formerly of that town and now of Tracy, Cal., would seem to indicate a sugar shortage. She writes as follows:

"I have looked for your item on sugar, for as yet California people don't realize and I doubt if some know that there is a sugar shortage in the country. I mentioned the fact recently to a friend who is in the habit of buying sugar by the hundred-pound sack and she remarked that 'only this week I ordered a sack, and I asked if there were any questions asked, and she said the grocery boy delivered and collected as was always his custom. So from this instance you can judge how little we are affected as yet by the shortage. And it was fine cane sugar, so we have not been called upon to use beet sugar yet. Four months ago a large beet sugar factory, which is just completed and situated three miles north of Tracy started making sugar, and everything is running nicely, so it now looks as if we could have Cape Cod cranberry sauce any time this winter."

Legacy for Vacationless Man

In 39 years Abe Jacobs, stage manager of the Majestic theatre in Chicago, had just one day of vacation. That was four years ago, when George Castle, vaudeville manager, told him to go to Muskogee for a two weeks' "rest," but Abe wasn't used to vacations, and returned after the first night and went to work.

Ever since he started work for Kohl & Castle, almost 40 years ago, in the old Olympic, Abe worked seven days a week from 11 to 11.

The other day things grew aggravating. At noon the star of the week's program appeared, supposed to "go on" at 3. But his baggage was somewhere between Chicago and Cleveland. At 1 o'clock he received notice that the first and second acts were stalled in Milwaukee, and a third act was marooned in Milwaukee. Then a telegram said the last act could not leave Grand Rapids because of the snow.

At 3 o'clock former Judge George A. Trude called on Abe.

"You've been mentioned for about \$50,000 in the will of your late employer, George Castle," said Mr. Trude.

"There are 100 shares of National Biscuit stock and 250 shares of Union Carbide left you."

"Thanks, but I'm awful busy," said Abe.

"I'd rather see Castle alive today than have the money," Abe said later.

"He was a prince of a man and a good employer. Now I think I'll take a vacation."

With substitute bread.

The flour they are kneading is substitute wheat.

Their cattle they fuddle.

And life's growing odder.

And smokes with great leathing—

Their substitute weeds.

And substitute clothing.

Is made for their needs;

Their substitute money.

And substitute cheese.

And substitute bees.

They settle their quarrels

By substitute law.

Their substitute morals.

Cause deeds that are raw.

Their car wheels are creaking

With substitute grease.

And now they are seeking

A substitute peace.

And when they are peevish by

Real woe and distress

Their tricks and deceived by

A substitute press;

Their thoughts and their ways, too,

A sure to be odd.

Walter Kaiser Hill prays to

A substitute diet!

BERTON BRALEY.

Our Friends Certainly Appreciate

THE CLOTHING SITUATION

To judge by our large Sale of Suits.

The collection, however, is rapidly growing smaller.

There is a good full stock of these four numbers.

\$28, \$27, \$25 SUITS . . . \$22.50

\$25, \$23, \$22 SUITS . . . \$18.50

\$20, \$18 SUITS . . . \$15.00

SPECIAL—Several lots of Young Men's Suits, were \$18, \$16.50, \$15, now . . . \$13.75

There are but 47 Suits to sell of Rogers Peets and Society Brand Suits that were \$38.50, \$35, \$32, \$30, for

\$26.50

Three lots of Trench Overcoats, that sold for \$30, \$25 and \$23, now

\$19.50

A good general stock of Overcoats—at prices that are less than the garments will cost us next year, \$13.50 to \$35.

PUTNAM & SON COMPANY

166 CENTRAL STREET

er, George Castle," said Mr. Trude.

"There are 100 shares of National Biscuit stock and 250 shares of Union Carbide left you."

"Thanks, but I'm awful busy," said Abe.

"I'd rather see Castle alive today than have the money," Abe said later.

"He was a prince of a man and a good employer. Now I think I'll take a vacation."

With substitute bread.

The flour they are kneading is substitute wheat.

Their cattle they fuddle.

And life's growing odder.

And smokes with great leathing—

Their substitute weeds.

And substitute clothing.

Is made for their needs;

Their substitute money.

And substitute cheese.

And substitute bees.

They settle their quarrels

By substitute law.

Their substitute morals.

Cause deeds that are raw.

Their car wheels are creaking

With substitute grease.

And now they are seeking

A substitute peace.

And when they are peevish by

Real woe and distress

Their tricks and deceived by

A substitute press;

Their thoughts and their ways, too,

A sure to be odd.

Walter Kaiser Hill prays to

A substitute diet!

BERTON BRALEY.

The regular meeting of Lowell council, Knights of Columbus, was held last night in their hall and considerable business of importance was transacted. A report of the war work committee showed that the work done thus far this winter had been very successful, soldiers in this country and abroad having benefited.

Rev. J. F. Lynch, chaplain of the K. of C. guild, submitted an annual report of that organization, which showed a large increase in the number of cases helped during the preceding year. The work extends to all parts of the city.

Betsy Ross circle met in special session yesterday afternoon

LLOYD GEORGE INVITES IRISH TO CONFERENCE

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Premier Lloyd George has invited the leading members of the Irish convention to confer with the cabinet.

The government wants to see if there is not some way of settling the troublesome question of home rule for Ireland.

In fact, it is stated in well-informed quarters, Lloyd George and the leading members of his cabinet are determined that the home rule problem must be solved. In all quarters it is realized that the Irish question is a source of weakness to the government and the empire, and that until it is settled it will prove a source of danger and embarrassment.

Several months ago the idea of an Irish convention was evolved, the idea being that if representatives of the warring factions could be brought together to discuss the points on which they were divided some sort of compromise could be reached.

It was found, however, that the Unionists of Ulster persisted in their old-time antagonism to a Dublin parliament, and though a compromise was reached on many minor points, the Ulster men insisted that the greater part of Ulster should be left outside of the operations of an Irish parliament.

The nationalists, and even the unionists of the south and west of Ireland, insisted that any government set up in Ireland must be for all Ireland, with no Ulster counties left out. The differences on this vital point persisted to the very end, and a few days ago reports became current that the final result of the convention would be a divided report.

It was then that the cabinet decided that something must be done to prevent the failure of the convention and hence the conference with the cabinet just decided on. If the representatives of the great majority of the Irish people are found to be united on a program which promises a good scheme of self government for Ireland, it is believed that pressure will be brought to bear on the Ulsterites to agree to it, and that if they persist in opposing it the plan will be put into effect without their co-operation.

May Force Settlement

LONDON, Jan. 25.—In connection with the report of the Irish convention, which is expected soon, The Associated Press learns that there are two outstanding features which indicate a settlement of the perplexing question, whether or not the convention's report is unanimous.

One feature is the appreciation on the part of British statesmen that a settlement must be reached for the sake of cementing further the friendship with the United States, not only for the period of the war, but for the future. The other feature is that the British public has become wearied by the present state of affairs.

It is pointed out that the war has changed the whole problem. Hitherto the Irish question has been kept alive by parties, but now there are no parties and all the leaders are agreed that if a settlement is possible it must be reached.

Thus far there is no inkling what the report of the convention will be, but it is believed in responsible quarters that the government will be prepared to step into the breach and force a settlement, if necessary. If the convention is unanimous in its recommendations, the government probably will act accordingly, but in the event of a disagreement the feeling is that the government will accept the majority report and put it into effect, with possibly a few alterations calculated to harmonize the different factions in Ireland.

No Threats of Civil War

There is no attempt to disguise the fact that British statesmen are determined not to permit the Irish question to interfere at any time in the future with relations between Great Britain and the United States, and they are

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Auction Sale of Store Fixtures

MONDAY, Jan. 28th, at 2.30 O'CLOCK
AT 6 AIKEN AVENUE, LOWELL

Three 4 ft. silent salesman show cases, plate glass top and sliding doors, one ten syrup innovation soda fountain, one National cash register, one tobacco case, sliding doors, one refrigerator, one counter scale, etc. The above property has been attached by me on mesne process.

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Saturday, Jan. 26

Advance Showing of Early Spring Models in Satin, Satin and Straw, Also Straw and Georgette Crepe for Immediate Wear

SMART TAILORED HATS in satin and combinations
Special values at \$2.98, \$3.98, \$4.98 and \$5.98

NEW FLOWERS, FRUITS, WREATHS AND FANCIES FOR TRIMMINGS FOR YOUR SPRING HATS

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\$15.00 Dress Hats.....	\$8.00
\$12.00 Dress Hats.....	\$6.00
\$10.00 Dress Hats.....	\$5.00
All \$3.00 and \$4.00 Silk Velvet Shapes, now.....	98c
All \$5.00 and \$6.00 Banded Velours, now.....	\$2.98
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ready to exert all possible power to effect an amicable solution.

Whatever happens, it is not thought there is likely to be further threats of civil war in Ireland. It is believed the plan decided upon will meet with the approval of a majority of Ireland's well-wishers everywhere, and that, by wise and firm administration the uncompromising elements will eventually be won over.

ZONE SYSTEM OF COAL DISTRIBUTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A zone system of coal distribution to be administered by J. D. A. Morrow, was being mapped out rapidly by officials of the railroad and fuel administration today, as the next step necessary to speeding up deliveries by clearing the traffic congestion.

Mr. Morrow, organizer and secretary of the National Coal association, who was put in charge of coal distribution and apportionment by the fuel administration last night, will supervise all pooling and transportation arrangements.

Although the embargo, effective on eastern lines yesterday on virtually all freight except coal, food and munitions, allowed the railroads to move larger quantities of these commodities, weather conditions still hampered free movement of freight in many sections. Householders and trans-Atlantic shipping interests, however, continued to receive increased supplies.

Eagles Notice

All members of Lowell Aerie are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, Patrick J. McCann, 148 Cross street, this evening at 7.45 o'clock, where the exercises of our order will be held.

Per order JOHN A. CALVIN, W. Pres.
THOMAS A. MULIGAN, W. Sec.

By **J. E. CONANT & CO.**.....Auctioneers
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Voluntary Liquidation Sale
Eighteen Hundred Lots of Manufacturing Property

A large dispersal of unusual importance requiring four days' time, in which every lot is pledged without limit or reserve of any kind whatsoever to the highest bona fide bidder at unrestricted public sale. The American Watch Tool Company (Webster-Whitecomb) of Waltham Massachusetts, is to liquidate—everything connected with the business is to be turned into money. The Melz Company of Waltham Massachusetts has decided to sell at the same time a large part of its extensive manufacturing properties preliminary to moving into its new plant—including much very desirable property. The sale as a whole comprises: Twelve lots of real estate—part of latest type mill construction, six have railroad frontages. Seven are on trolley car lines, each represents a value different from the other, and is in the midst of one of the best labor conditions in America; fourteen Master Lots—each representing a large or small well-established going business; extremely accurate internal grinders and cycloidal and involute cutter equipments; 1399 lots of new and used automatic semi-automatic-universal and plain standard (floor) machine tools and machinery and other mechanical equipment, new lathe attachments and equipments, and tool crib precision tools, and possibly 5000 new wire chucks; 55 tons of steel and iron and seamless tubing and metals; heavy punches and presses and sheet metal tools—hydraulic power and hand tilling presses; electric motors—and gas producing equipments; Seth Thomas clocks; etc., etc. The sale will take place upon or near the respective premises regardless of any condition of the weather on Tuesday the 29th day and on Wednesday the 30th day and on Thursday the 31st day of January, and on Friday the 1st day of February 1918, commencing promptly at ten o'clock each forenoon. A 210-page much illustrated catalogue including the Terms and Conditions of Sale at office of the auctioneers where all inquiries must be made.

CHAS. H. METZ, President.

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George H. Wood

135 CENTRAL STREET

Many industries still felt the effects of the fuel administration's order giving preference to more essential manufacturing plants and the quantity of freight offered the railroads showed a marked decrease.

The question of increased wages for railroad employees was under consideration by Director-General McAdoo's railroad wage commission today as the result of the conference he had yesterday with the heads of railway mechanical trades.

ANOTHER AMERICAN KILLED IN ACTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Gen. Pershing today reported another American soldier killed in action on Jan. 22, but gave no details.

The man killed was Private Fred P. Thompson, his brother, Ralph Thompson, lives at Georgetown, Ill.

The following deaths abroad, not in action, also were reported:

Sgt. Frederick K. Day, meningitis, 115 Hancock street, Auburndale, Mass. Mechanic Ernest Hilton, disease, R.F.D. No. 1, Wells Beach, Me.

BURLESON RENOMINATED BY PRES. WILSON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Wilson yesterday sent to the senate a re-nomination of Postmaster General Burleson.

This action was taken because of a law which stipulates that the postmaster general shall not hold office for more than thirty days after the end of the term for which he was appointed.

None of the other cabinet members has been renominated, but it is contended that is not necessary.

The unusual situation was brought about by a recent agitation contending that all hold-over members of the cabinet were in office illegally. Except in the case of the postmaster-general, the administration contends no renomination is necessary.

BRYAN TO SPEAK AT BOSTON TONIGHT

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, will be the principal speaker tonight in Tremont Temple at a meeting arranged by the Council for National Prohibition of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon league. It will be the preliminary meeting in the fight to induce the Massachusetts legislature to ratify national constitutional prohibition.

Former Governor John L. Bates will preside. The following national officers of the Anti-Saloon League of America are expected to be present: Purley A. Baker, general superintendent; Ernest H. Cherrington, manager of the publishing interests of the league; Dr. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, national legislative superintendent; and Wayne B. Wheeler, national attorney.

CHERRY & WEBB'S SPECIAL SALE

For a period of five days Cherry & Webb will conduct one of their biggest sales of the year which will include the many departments of their large store and will affect the prices on all garments. No better time to buy furs than now during this sale when prices have been lowered so greatly. The purpose of this sale is to clear out many lines and to reduce the present stock as much as possible before stocktaking.

TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE FROM SAVANNAH FOR FAMILY OF LATE PATRICK MCCANN

The family of the late Patrick J. McCann today received a telegram of condolence from Col. William J. Grayson of Savannah, Ga. formerly national president of the Order of Eagles. Mr. McCann was a delegate to the national convention which elected Col. Grayson, national president, and was one of the colonel's most ardent supporters for the position. Having become acquainted with him upon the occasion of his visits to Lowell with Dr. M. A. Morris of Savannah, a former Lowell boy, Col. Grayson also sent a floral offering which was ordered by telegram from a local florist.

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Why spend hour after hour rubbing, rubbing, till your back aches? It not only wears out your strength—it wears out your clothes.

The "Thor" will do a good sized wash in an hour—your clothes will be cleaner than ever and it costs only 2 cents for electricity. It wrings the clothes afterwards, too. And it's so simple to own one. \$10.00 down places it in your home. Then a few dollars a month for a short time and the machine is yours.

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FOREIGN TRADE RECORDS FOR YEAR 1917

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The country's foreign trade amounted to over \$9,000,000,000 in 1917, exports reaching a total of \$6,225,000,000, while imports amounted to \$2,755,000,000, according to a statement issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce. This is a gain of nearly \$1,300,000,000 over 1916, when the total trade amounted to \$7,874,000,000.

December exports amounted to \$580,000,000, an increase of no less than \$100,000,000 over November. The imports for December amounted to \$228,000,000, an increase of \$7,000,000 over November.

Price imports formed 76 per cent. of the total in December and 72 per cent. of the total for the calendar year.

The excess of exports over imports has nearly doubled in the last two years, amounting to \$3,271,000,000 in 1917, against \$3,091,000,000 in 1916 and \$1,775,000,000 in 1915.

The imports of gold during December amounted to \$2,500,000, as compared with \$150,000,000 in December, 1916. For the year, the gold imports amounted to \$533,000,000, against \$888,000,000 in 1916. The exports of gold amounted to \$4,500,000 in December, 1917, against \$28,000,000 in December, 1916. For the year, the gold exports amounted to \$372,000,000, as compared with \$155,000,000 in 1916.

Silver imports amounted to \$6,000,000 in December, as compared with \$3,500,000 for the corresponding month in 1916, and to \$55,000,000 for the year against \$32,000,000 in 1916. Exports of silver were valued at \$10,000,000 in December, 1917, and \$9,000,000 in December, 1916. For the year the silver exports amounted to \$84,000,000 against \$71,000,000 for 1916.

ELECTION OF MRS. SMITH TO SEAT LEFT VACANT IN LEGISLATURE BY HUSBAND'S DEATH

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 25.—Early relief indicated the election here yesterday of Mrs. Ralph Smith to the seat left vacant in the provincial legislature by the death of her husband. She was leading in every ward of the city.

The local evening newspaper is the paper that reaches the home when the whole family is there to read it. The Sun fills this field in Lowell.

Daily Bulletin from War Work Headquarters

119 MERRIMACK STREET

WANTED FOR Red Cross Work

Four Sewing Machines for use of the Guild at St. Patrick's Home. These ladies are doing valuable work; but are handicapped by not having a sufficient number of Sewing Machines. Anyone who can loan their machine for duration of war or for a short period, please call at War Work Headquarters, Telephone 5728.

WORK TO WIN THE WAR—Be loyal and patriotic—report anything wrong immediately.

LEARN THE LANGUAGE at once, if unable to speak it—Learn and become better Americans.

YOU CAN HELP AMERICA more and more as you learn more!

HELP EVERYBODY who is for America. Nobody can be against America; the U. S. A. and the Stars and Stripes.

SHOW IN SOME WAY that you are for America and World Freedom.

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SECURITY—The endorsement of two other reliable persons. Endorsers may be wage earners, salaried employes, professional or business men. No chattel mortgages, no assignment of wages, no pawns.

We also make loans on collateral such as "Liberty Loan" Bonds, Savings Bank books and Stocks and Bonds, without endorers or other security, at 6 per cent.

INVESTMENTS

FIFTY DOLLARS will buy a certificate of investment which pays 5 per cent interest per annum, and the interest begins on the day the certificate is purchased.

PAYMENT of \$1.00 a week will buy a certificate of investment which will bear interest at 4 per cent per annum after the 25th payment and 5 per cent per annum after the 50th payment.

Owners of fully paid certificates can borrow without endorers. Any further information will be cheerfully given at the office.

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SEC. BAKER TO REPLY TO SEN. CHAMBERLAIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Secretary Baker today asked Senator Chamberlain to arrange an occasion at which all members of congress disposed to attend might do so and hear a statement in reply to the senator's charges of inefficiency in the army.

Secretary Baker also asked the senate military committee for a hearing at which to answer charges of Senator Chamberlain.

Secretary Baker sent the following letter to the senator:

"My dear Senator Chamberlain: The questions which have arisen with regard to the conduct of the war require an explicit statement from me for the information of your committee and generally for the information of congress and the country.

"I feel that in justice I owe such a statement to the splendid officers and men of the army, who have forgotten themselves and labored with self-sacrifice and, as I think, success in the building of a great army.

"It is due also to the great number of men of business and of affairs who have accepted the invitation of the war department to come to Washington and given their business experience, their talents and their judgment to the work in hand. And I think the people of the country are entitled to have at large a summary of what has been done by America in the war.

"I therefore, respectfully request that your committee arrange an opportunity for me to make such a statement and that the time and place be so fixed as to enable all members of the senate and the house of representatives who are so disposed to attend.

"If this request can be complied with, I shall be happy to be advised at your earliest convenience of the time and place."

PRES. WILSON AT WORK IN STUDY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Wilson cancelled all his engagements for this afternoon including the cabinet meeting and remained in the White House study at work. There were no outward indications of whether the international situation or the attacks on the war department in congress were engaging his attention.

BOYS LOOTED STORES AND CARRIED GUNS

In the juvenile session of police court today five boys appeared on a charge of looting several stores. They had been rounded up last Sunday night by Officers P. Connolly, Timothy J. O'Connor and James Considine. They belonged to a gang numbering about 15 and were said to be the ring leaders. Three of them carried Colt automatic revolvers of a most dangerous kind, while the other two were armed with Smith and Wesson weapons.

A sixth boy was brought in by Officers P. J. Conroy and James Considine on a similar charge and as a member of the gang. It was said that the boys had stolen the revolvers from Dickerman & McQuade's and that they had also secured a box of bullets with which they had been indulging in target practice in an empty building on Charles street.

Two of the boys had stolen three pairs of rubber boots from the A. C. Tolland Co. and a variety of small articles from the five and ten cent stores. A couple of them stole a receipting stamp and pad from Saunders' market and had been making purchases there and receipting their own checks. They were detected on account of some irregularity in the receipt stamping the checks.

The boys were arrested by Officer Connolly, who induced one of them to confess and after a while to go into a vacant lot and dig up the stamp and pad from a pile of snow.

When the boys were arraigned in court today, everybody who heard the testimony agreed that the case was a very serious one and that it was fortunate the boys had not done some harm with the revolvers. One of the boys was sent to the Lyman school, another was taken in charge by the state board of charity, while the others were placed on probation, their parents having paid for the stolen goods that had been identified by the different stores.

CHORAL SOCIETY

Concert

KEITH'S THEATRE

TUESDAY EVENING,

January 29th

(As originally advertised)

Permission having been obtained from Fuel Administrator Garfield, this concert will positively be given. Honorary members' exchange of tickets at Box Office SATURDAY MORNING, and public exchange Monday.

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Every advantage we gain goes straight to the people who patronize us. We ask a fair share for ourselves, no more.

We have never taken more, consequently we have more than the mere satisfaction of succeeding—we have the consciousness of having dealt fairly with those who have given us success.

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Central Powers Reply to Peace Terms of Pres. Wilson and Lloyd George

German Chancellor Says Terms Contained Certain Principles Which Could be Accepted by Germany, But That the Concrete Proposals Are Unsatisfactory—Could Agree on Four Points of Wilson's Program

BERLIN, Jan. 24, via London, Jan. 25.—Count von Hertling in his address before the reichstag committee said that evacuation of Russian territory was a question which only concerns Russia and central powers.

Commenting on the fourteen points in the program for world peace set forth in President Wilson's address to congress the chancellor said an agreement could be obtained without difficulty on the first four points.

Regarding the fifth point mentioned by President Wilson the chancellor said some difficulties would be met.

Germany never demanded the incorporation of Belgian territory by violence, the chancellor asserted. He said the state of Poland would be decided by Germany and Austria-Hungary. When all other questions had been settled he added, Germany would be ready to discuss the question of a league of peace.

No Talk of Cession of Alsace-Lorraine

The chancellor declared that Germany did not wish annexations by violence but that the question of northern France could be discussed only by France and Germany.

He asserted there could be no talk of the cession of Alsace-Lorraine.

The chancellor demanded that the leaders of the nations at war with Germany set forth new proposals.

The terms outlined by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George contained certain principles which could be accepted by Germany, he said, but the concrete proposals were unsatisfactory.

Count von Hertling disagrees with certain foreign newspapers, which interpreted the recent speech of Premier Lloyd George as showing an earnest desire for peace and even friendship for Germany, according to a Central News despatch quoting from the chancellor's speech before the reichstag yesterday.

The chancellor, however, remarked on the alteration in the tone of the British premier's speech wherein he said Mr. Lloyd George had refrained from abuse and showed an inclination for negotiations.

The chancellor declared the British premier seemed to adjudge Germany guilty of all possible crimes, adding: "We cannot understand such feelings or find therein proof of a sincere will for peace."

The four first points in President Wilson's speech, respecting which Chancellor von Hertling said an agreement could be reached without difficulty, related to abolition of secret diplomacy, free navigation of the seas outside territorial waters, subject to international laws; removal of economic barriers and establishment of equal trade conditions among nations, and reduction of armaments.

The fifth point, in regard to which the chancellor said some difficulties would be met, provided for impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon the principle that the interests of the population concerned must have equal weight with the claims of the

Good Weather Only Hope to Avoid Shut Down of All Business in New England

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—New England is facing a very serious coal shortage that may shut down all business within the next few days, according to James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator. "Good weather is our only hope and I am praying that the crisis will not come," Mr. Storrow declared today.

Since his return here from New York yesterday Mr. Storrow has received advice showing the coal movement from the mines to Hampton Roads and from Hampton Roads to eastern points, which indicated, he said, that government requirements soon would exhaust the supply at tide water.

"The normal coal consumption in New England is 50,000 tons daily," Mr. Storrow said, "and receipts today indicate that New England is receiving about one-fifth of its actual needs. Between 1000 and 1200 cars should arrive by rail daily while we are receiving today only 620, with practically none arriving by water by this route ordinarily we receive two-thirds of our supply."

"I have received a communication from President Pearson of the New Haven road saying the tangle at Maybrook, N. Y., can be cleared in four days if the weather is good. Our hopes are centered there. I do not know what will happen if a storm should set in now."

Less coal arrived in New England today than in many weeks, the administrator said. "The New Haven railroad," he continued, "has declared an absolute embargo at the Maybrook gateway and will not even accept coal

Dancing

Every Monday Evening from 7 to 11

Miner-Doyle Orchestra

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TEUTONS' REPLIES NO ADVANCE TOWARD PEACE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Based on the short cabled outlines of the speeches of the German and Austrian plenipotentiaries to their respective parliaments the opinion is expressed by officials here that no substantial advance towards the final peace sought by all belligerents has resulted from these declarations. It is true that expressions of Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, appear to be more conciliatory in tone than previous utterances from that quarter, but beyond vague statements that the possibilities of peace negotiations are contained in the address of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, there is no suggestion of a surrender of any of the extreme contentions of the military elements in the central states.

"The renunciation by Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, of any claim against Russia for indemnity or annexation, it is noted, does not extend to other nations. Considering that Germany has undertaken to dominate the Russian-Balkan provinces and that the central powers already have recognized the independence of Ukraine, thus constituting a buffer state between Russia and Austria in large part, it is easily perceived that Austria is making no special sacrifice

PACKERS WORKED TO STOP FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—How the packers worked against federal investigation of their industry, as proposed in congress during 1916, and how they kept in touch with political affairs in Washington in an effort to forestall passage of investigation resolutions was disclosed today by documents from the files of Swift & Co., read into the record of the federal trade commission's inquiry.

A report on the situation signed by E. C. McManus, J. M. Chapin and A. D. White of Swift & Company's legal staff, and which was sent to G. F. Swift Jr., H. H. Swift and other officers of the firm, said:

"We believe the situation to be serious and recommend that everything stand at tide-water, the administrators say."

Asks Rifter From Fuel Famine

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 25.—Gov. Beekman today telegraphed to Secretary McAdoo and Dr. Garfield at Washington, asking for immediate relief from the fuel famine. Only 1973 tons arrived here today. The state normal school is without coal and will close today until a supply can be obtained. The school committee will decide tonight whether or not to close the public schools. Many residents are responding to the mayor's appeal to sell part of their coal to the city fuel committee to distribute in 100 pound lots to families absolutely without fuel. Fifteen tons had been offered up to noon today.

Coal Shortage Acute

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 25.—With the daily output of fuel throughout the anthracite belt barely exceeding the tonnage moved to the markets, reserve supplies are being reduced, according to mining officials and it is feared that suffering for coal will be acute if the railroads face further traffic congestion.

The situation is complicated by the continued water famine, cold weather and the scarcity of empty coal cars. Three collieries of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. have been idle several days and a number of

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GEN. SWEETSER'S OLD BRIGADE DISBANDED

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 25.—The 51st Depot Brigade, a part of the New England division, no longer exists in such, according to official announcement yesterday, at Camp Greene.

This brigade has been "temporarily disbanded" and the units are considered as separate organizations for purposes of administration. This action was the result of the recent transfer of Brig. Gen. Sweetser, brigade commander, to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., where he was assigned to command a brigade of the Pioneer division being organized there.

The announcement said nothing now could be stated regarding the future of the regiments from New England formerly included in this brigade. They are the 5th, 6th and 8th Massachusetts Infantry, 1st Connecticut Infantry, 1st Vermont Infantry, Signal Corps companies from Connecticut and New Hampshire and 1st Maine Heavy Artillery.

Authority also was given today to publish news of the recent departure for Camp Wadsworth of the headquarters staff and headquarters detachment of the 51st Depot Brigade. The Signal Corps companies of the brigade have also gone to Spartanburg and the other units are expecting orders at any time to enroute for that camp.

Charlotte health authorities today imposed a rigid quarantine against the entrance to the city of soldiers from Camp Greene, due to the development of cerebro spinal meningitis at the camp.

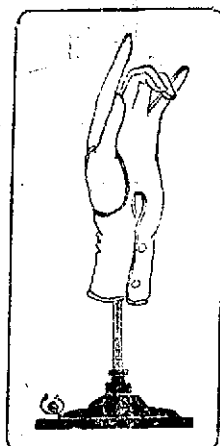
BARS LIQUORS NEAR ARMY CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—In line with the movement to improve liquor and vice conditions about military camps, new restricted zone regulations have been prepared by the war department and the department of justice, and will be announced soon. They have been drawn in an effort to make it more difficult for persons who buy liquor and give it to soldiers, to escape penalties of the law. More severe penalties also may be imposed on soldiers who drink liquor.

The department of justice yesterday reported that United States attorneys have prosecuted more than 600 persons during the last six months for violating the barred zone regulations about army camps. Most of the offenders were accused of selling liquor.

DEVENS BOXERS LOSE TO PIER MEN

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—One of the biggest boxing carnivals ever staged at the Commonwealth pier was given last night. A musical program and boxing kept things busy. Lieut. Robert C. Denning, athletic officer of the 302d regiment at Camp Devens, led a squad of boxers from the 301st regiment, "Boston's Own," to the pier, and they mixed things up with the sailors.



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DETAILED ACCOUNT OF PEACE CONFERENCE

PETROGRAD, Jan. 24.—A detailed account of the Ebert-Litovsk conference session following Gen. Hoffman's bold statement of the aims of the central powers was published by the Smolny Institute today. Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, addressing the conference, declared that "the position of the Austro-Germans was now absolutely clear," and continued:

"Germany and Austria seek to cut off more than 150,000 square versts from the former Polish kingdom of Lithuania, also the area populated by the Ukrainians and white Russians, and further they want to cut into ter-

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Van Camp's Milk	8c	Powdered Borax	12½c	Tomato	9c
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Maine Corn, 3 cans	40c	No. 5 Pail Lard	\$1.27	Ox Tail	
Fancy Apricots	12½c	Table Butterine	25c lb.	Bouillon	CAN.
Old Sunbrite Cleanser, 3 cans	23c	Rich Old Cheese	19c lb.	Table Raisins	14c
Swift's Borax Soap	2 for 9c	Mazola Cooking Oil	15c	French Mustard	7c glass
Yellow Gling Peaches	19c	Shredded Coconut	9c	Cal. Pink Eye Beans	14c lb.
Fancy Selected Olives	9c bot.	Cream Corn Starch	6 for 25c	Rasp. and Currant Jelly, 4 lb. pail	39c
Sliced Pineapple	12½c	Bread Flour, 7 lb. bag	53c	Crystal Brand Coffee, fresh roasted	19c
Bartlett Pears, hvy. syrup	15c	No. 3 Pail Lard	79c	Formosa Oolong Tea	29c lb.
Strictly Fresh New Laid Eggs, doz.	73c	Sugar Corn Syrup	20c	Pure Rich Cocoa	19c lb.
		Lima Beans	15c		

tees regarding the expression of the will of the Poles, Letts and Lithuanians is only of an illusory character. Practically it means that the governments of Austria and Germany take into their own hands the destiny of these nations."

Trotsky declared that he was glad now that the central powers men were speaking frankly, stating that Gen. Hoffman's conditions proved that the real aims were built on quite a different level from the principles recognized on Dec. 25 and that real or lasting peace was only possible on the actual principle of self-determination.

"It is clear," he continued, "that the decision could have been reached long ago regarding peace aims if the central powers had not stated their aims differently from those expressed by Gen. Hoffman."

Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, German secretary for foreign affairs, replied to Trotsky, declaring in principle that Gen. Hoffman's aims were the same as those advanced on Christmas. Throughout the negotiations, he said, the Germans had kept in view the ethnological boundaries and the actual boundaries of the old Russian empire. He said that the central powers intended to permit free self-determination, scoffing at the theory that the presence of troops would prevent this. Regarding evacuation, he said that it must be taken up with the newly born self-defined governments.

"If Gen. Hoffman expresses the

terms more strongly," said Dr. Kuehlmann, "it is because a soldier always expresses stronger language than diplomat. But it must not be taken from this that any discussion regarding the principles which are one, whole and well thought out."

Dr. Kuehlmann consented to Trotsky's request for a postponement of the conference, declaring, however, that it would be much pleasanter if they could finish the negotiations now as the former recess brought about many misunderstandings.

facts set forth in the United Press cable from Petrograd.

The United Press says it made "sure" the "Nolotzky" story was sent over the wires of the International News Service. The story was printed in papers receiving the International News Service in Boston, New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco and elsewhere.

ROOSEVELT SAYS HE HAS RIGHT TO CRITICISE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Theodore Roosevelt yesterday in a speech before the National Press club asserted his right to criticize the conduct of the war and declared it to be every man's duty to expose inefficiency if it retards the work of the war-making machinery.

In answer to the attack on him by Senator Stone, he said the speech was an insidious effort in behalf of Germany and that the Missouri senator, who had done all he could to serve Germany in opposing war legislation, had been the first to inject partisan politics into the war.

Senator Roosevelt came out in open support of Senator Chamberlain's proposals for a war cabinet and a munitions department.

"The proposal," he said, "means that at least a proper scheme of administration will be adopted by the government. I am well aware that no scheme can accomplish anything unless the right men are put in. At least we will get a proper scheme of administration. In Washington you have a good many star players, but mighty little team work."

While the speech contained little criticism of individuals, the colonel spoke of the "maladministration" of the war department in warmly praising the work of the senate committee.

As to the worth of investigations, he said it was the duty of congress to get at the truth, and he quoted from the writings of President Wilson when at Princeton, advocating congressional inquiry into the acts of the administration.

179 STARS ON SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED AT CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 25.—There are 179 stars on a service flag dedicated today at Concord high school, one, a gold star, for Richard Clarke, killed in action with Canadian forces in 1917. There are 81 men in American units, already enrolled as fighters, including 35 in France and one in Italy. Two are with Canadian troops and one is with the English army. There are 45 commissioned officers in the list.

UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL NEWS TRAPPED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The United Press association yesterday announced that the International News Service, against which the Associated Press recently secured an injunction to prevent the pirating of news, had walked straight into a trap set by the United Press to show that the International News Service was pirating the news of that organization.

The International News Service incidentally brought into newspaper fame a hitherto unknown official, "Under Foreign Secretary" Nolutsky, whose name spelled backwards, reads: "Stolen" with the "ly" thrown in for Russian camouflage.

The United Press early yesterday inserted "Nolutsky" in a despatch from Petrograd, and afterward "killed" this name to all its papers. Within a short time, however, the United Press says that papers receiving the International News Service appeared with "Al. Nolutsky" figuring prominently in an alleged despatch from London recounting in a general way the same

AVIATORS WIN BATTLE FOR THEIR LIVES

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 25.—In a broken airplane, 3000 feet above earth, Maj. C. K. Rhinehardt and Capt. J. Phipps of the Royal British Flying corps on route from Fort Worth to San Antonio, won a thrilling battle for their lives yesterday and reached their destination safely.

The last 60 miles of the flight were made with Maj. Rhinehardt lying out on the plane and holding in position a wing on which the struts had broken. The accident happened after the men had flown 185 miles.

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STORROW DECLARES FUEL SITUATION WORSE

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—"The coal situation is steadily growing more acute," declared James J. Storrow, New England fuel administrator, last evening. "I expect a growing list of factories that will have to close," he said.

Mr. Storrow was much exercised over the report from Hampton Roads to the effect that 25 government vessels will take precedence over all other craft in coal loading, which will set back the New England coal supply at that point probably for three days.

He predicted that, as a result of the priority of the government vessels and advices relative to the amount of coal now being delivered from the mines to the piers, that there would be a coal shortage there next week.

While in New York, Mr. Storrow had an hour's talk with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, and the railroad directors general executive in charge of the eastern lines as far south as Hampton Roads.

"I urged him to expedite the movement of coal to Hampton Roads," said Mr. Storrow, "and gave the figures for one mine—a typical one—tributary to the Chesapeake & Ohio. This month the number of cars placed at the mine has been equal to only about 45 per cent of the number of cars put there in the average January for three years past."

Thinks Railroad Heads Should Go

With respect to the general railroad situation, Mr. Storrow affirmed very positively that there is room for improvement in some quarters.

"I don't believe in taking a sledgehammer and smashing the railroads wholesale," Mr. Storrow said, "but while I think the treatment of the railroads should be constructive and sympathetic, I also believe that there are two or three presidents of railroads in the United States who ought to be removed promptly by Mr. McAdoo."

Mr. Storrow refused absolutely to state who the men referred to are.

The Storrow program of 500 cars a day has been seriously threatened by the embargo at Maybrook. Mr. Storrow has met this situation by an effort to divert the coal routed to New England, via this point, to tidewater at New York.

Good progress is being made in New York, Mr. Storrow said, with regard to bunker coal for shipping there and there are no ships held up there for lack of coal.

The next steamer of Storrow coal delivered at Boston is likely to be the government collier Achilles, which is not due for four or five days. This steamer will load for her last trip to New England at Hampton Roads probably tomorrow, unless the government allows her to remain in the New England service, which is not at all certain.

Mr. Storrow said he would go to Washington, if necessary, to try to keep this vessel in her present service. "She was loaned to us by the government for one trip and is now about to make her third," said Mr. Storrow. "I regard it, however, as absolutely necessary to keep her in the New England service. We need the coal she is bringing to keep our institutions supplied and our gas plants going."

113,650 Tons by Rail in Sight

New England railroads have in sight approximately 113,650 tons of coal. All that remains is to get this fuel transported from the western terminals to these roads and forward it to the factories and coal yards in New England that it may be distributed. Some of this is on the way and officials of the lines are doing everything possible to help out the situation here, yet the weather conditions have been such that their work has been retarded.

The Boston & Maine, the Boston & Albany and the New Haven yesterday succeeded in getting through only 100 cars, or about 7500 tons. Of this total 90 cars contained anthracite and 100 bituminous coal.

Four vessels arrived in the harbor yesterday with coal. Their combined cargoes aggregating 11,170 tons, of which 10,550 tons were bituminous and 620 tons anthracite. Thus the total receipts of coal in this city yesterday were 14,350 tons of bituminous and 4400 tons of anthracite.

Mr. Storrow said yesterday, that he was sorry to learn that David B. Wood, a member of the Boston fuel committee, had resigned and that he hoped he would reconsider his action. "The things are being mismanaged in Washington and New England is in distress. It is all the more reason why we should be on the job," said Mr. Storrow.

The Boston school committee is anxious to keep its schools open. At the meeting yesterday afternoon words of appreciation were spoken for the fuel administration, yet it was the feeling of the members of the board that something should be done so that the schools would not have to be closed again even if only enough was received from day to day to keep the buildings warm.

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TO SOLDIERS

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sign reads:
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DEMONSTRATION DAYS OF CHALIFOUX VALUE

If You are Not a Regular Customer at Chalifoux's, be One Today or Saturday

January marks the termination of our fourth year in this big building. Tomorrow is the last Saturday of January. So we must make it the **BIGGEST** Saturday of the month by thousands of dollars. Preparation is the keynote of success. Our buyers were on the market this week selecting **NEW** merchandise at January prices. Cash is king and we have bought for cash thousands of dollars' worth of **NEW** goods at the lowest possible prices. More and more people are turning to this store for Chalifoux Value. **YOU** are most certain to do so **EVENTUALLY**. **WHY NOT NOW?**

We have given you the Finest Victrola Department this side of New York.

We have given you a new Linen and Domestic Department where **NEW** goods are priced like seconds, but **NO** seconds.

We are giving you a new Suit, Coat and Dress Department with the smartness of a New York or Paris Shop—**BUT**—popular prices.

We have given you the privilege of buying Furniture on the Morris Plan at Lowest Cash Prices—\$50.00 worth for \$1.00 a week.

We have given you a **YARN DEPT.** with plenty of **GOOD** yarn at lowest prices—no profiteering—Knitting Instructions **FREE**.

Come to Chalifoux's Today and Saturday. A Big Hearty Welcome

\$1.98 Sale Women's Shoes

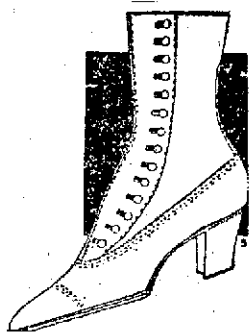
Worth up to \$5.00

Sizes 2 to 8, Widths A to E—Goodyear Welt

THESE ARE THE JUSTLY FAMOUS

PATRICIAN SHOES

Plain and patent leathers. A goodly number of cloth tops. Blucher and button styles; 8 inch tops. Medium last with Cuban heel; broad last with low flat heel. This sale in the basement—Chalifoux Super-Values.



CHALIFOUX'S

HAD no reputation for Linens and Domestics so we engaged a manager who has one.

MORE OPEN WEEK SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

65c BLEACHED TABLE DAMASK

Fine make, very serviceable, assorted patterns, 64 inches wide, yard

75c DRAWNWORK SCARFS

And shams, some with embroidery. Scarfs 17 x50; Shams 30x30....

39c

Worth 65c

49c

Worth 75c

\$2.98 Sale Men's A. J. Bates' Shoes

400 PAIRS

Factory seconds in gun metal, vici kid, tan and patent calf.

Men's Stocking and Rub-

bers—

"Goodyear Glove" Rub-

bers, value \$1.98; "Ball

Band" Stockings value

\$1.25, total value \$3.23,

\$2.50

Men's "Shawmut" or Hood

Dress Rubbers, all sizes,

\$1.00

Men's Gum Rubbers, will

outwear 3 pairs of the

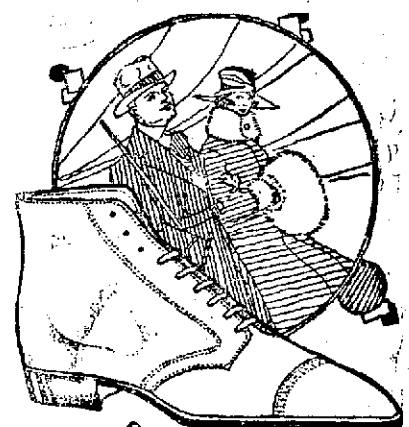
ordinary kind\$1.50

Boys' sizes\$1.25

These sales and specials

in the basement where you

get Chalifoux Super-Values.



First and Last IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Women of Lowell and Vicinity

Today we announce what we believe to be the first showing in Lowell of the

New Spring Fashions

We have only a limited number. Just enough to let you get an idea of what the Spring styles will be like. They were received from **MRS. BROMLEY SHEPARD** who is in New York. You are invited to see them at Chalifoux's Friday and Saturday.

LAST REDUCTIONS—FINAL MARK DOWNS ENTIRE WINTER STOCK OF

Suits, Coats, Dresses



50c CORSET COVERS ARE 25c; \$2.98 BLOUSES ARE \$1.98. JUST HALF PRICE AND ONE-THIRD OF—WHY?

January White Sales

BLOUSES—White Sale Specials

White and Colored Blouses, daintily trimmed, some tailored styles, 98c
White Voile and Wash Silk Blouses; regular \$2.98 value.....\$1.98
Dark Colored Striped Blouses; regular \$2.98 value.....\$1.98
White and Colored Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine Blouses; regular \$3.98 value.....\$2.98
All our discontinued styles of \$5.00 Blouses.....\$3.98
All our discontinued styles of \$7.50 Blouses.....\$5.00
Children's All Wool Sweaters; regular \$4.00 value.....\$2.98
Women's All Wool Sweaters.....\$5.00 to \$10.00



UNDERMUSLINS, White Sale Specials

Corset Covers, lace and hampburg (trimmed); regular price 50c.....25c
Women's Drawers, lace and hampburg (trimmed); regular and extra large sizes; regular prices 75c and \$1.00.....50c
Crepe Gowns, Envelope Chemises, and Long White Petticoats; regular prices 75c and \$1.00.....50c
White Flannellette Gowns and Long White Petticoats; regular price \$1.50.....98c
Envelope Chemise, Night Gown, made of fine flannellette, daintily trimmed; regular price \$1.25.....75c
Crepe de Chine and Wash Silk Envelope Chemise, daintily trimmed; regular price \$2.98.....\$1.98



Chalifoux's

Was First in Lowell to Have

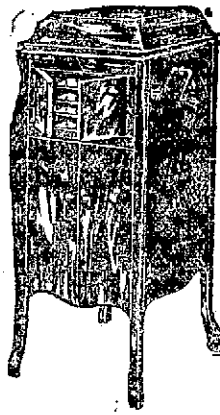
Jascha

Heifetz

Violin

Records

You are invited to hear these wonderful records. No obligation. Just hear them.



Victrola

As Illustrated, and 10 Records

Terms

As Low as

\$1.00

a Week

Demonstrated here or in your own home. Hear the latest records Friday or Saturday.

WHERE WILL I BUY MY

VICTROLA

IF YOU ARE HESITATING BETWEEN

CHALIFOUX'S

AND ELSEWHERE CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

CHALIFOUX'S is Lowell's **NEW** Victrola Headquarters.

CHALIFOUX'S has five modern sound-proof demonstration rooms.

CHALIFOUX'S has, in Mr. Hiser, a Victrola manager of exceptional ability and experience, capable of advising intending purchasers to their utmost satisfaction.

CHALIFOUX'S has the finest Victrola department this side of New York.

CHALIFOUX'S Victrola reception room offers rest and comfort in addition to the world's greatest music by the world's foremost artists.

CHALIFOUX'S offers an environment in keeping with the quality of the Victrola itself.

CHALIFOUX'S offers the entire variety of Victrolas from \$20.00 to \$325.00.

CHALIFOUX'S offers terms as low as \$1.00 down and \$1.00 a week.

WHAT'S THE USE ARGUING?

Why Hesitate—Chalifoux's

Is THE place to buy your Victrola. We will bring a Victrola to your home any day or evening for a courtesy demonstration and not feel offended if you don't buy it.

HERE, BE BELIEVE, ARE

The Best Overcoat Values in Lowell

\$15.00 COATS

\$13.00 COATS

\$10.00 COATS

\$7.85

147 Coats, odd lots. Box Coats, Conservative Coats, Long Coats with convertible collars. Plain grays, a few blacks, fancy brown, gray and green mixtures.

Men's Overcoats, Adler-Rochester make and others. \$20.00

Trench Overcoats, form fitting overcoats and box coats and Chesterfield plain models. Plain or velvet collars, plain or fancy pockets, single or double breasted, colors are plain blue, brown and gray, mixtures of gray, brown and green, one-fourth or full lined, satin sleeve lining, hand tailored\$20.00

Men's Overcoats, fancy gray and brown mixtures, plain or velvet collars, patch pockets, slant pockets and plain pockets, box overcoats, trench overcoats; value \$15.00 and \$18.00\$12.98

Men's Mackinaw Coats, sold for \$6.50 and \$8.00; to close out at\$5.00

Men's Odd Trousers, in serges and dark fancy stripes, \$2.50 to \$6.00

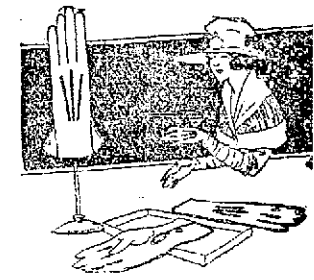


Women's and Children's GLOVES

Children's Wool Gloves and Mittens, in black and gray, slightly damaged25c
Children's Wool Gloves in oxford gray and navy blue, regular 25c value15c
Women's Silk Gloves, with suede lining, dark tan, black and gray, 3 rows black embroidery, \$1.50

Women's Imported French Kid Gloves, in tan, taupe, black and white.....\$2.50

Women's Full Pique Gloves, in black with white, white with white and ivory\$1.75



Men's Furnishings

STREET FLOOR

Men's Glensbury Undershirts and Drawers, in natural wool. All sizes\$1.25

Men's Glensbury Undershirts, in double breasted, natural wool\$2.00

Men's Heavy Worsted Union Suits, made close crotch or drop seat, either regular or stout sizes. Special\$2.50

Men's Lisle Half Hose, in black, gray and tan, with reinforced heel and toe. Special for15c



All Around the Main Floor—Specials

Gold Filled Beauty Pins, two on a card; regular 25c value.....19c
Leather Hand Bags, fitted with fancy linings and mirror; regular 35c value. Special21c
Ivory Back Hair Brushes; regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 value. Special \$2.00 and \$2.39
Fancy Calendars, 50c value. Special for25c
Fancy Calendars, 75c value. Special for50c
Stationery, Boston linen, 60c value, for57c
Moire Hat Bands. Special.....49c
Women's All Wool Angora Scarfs, in rose, white and blue; regular \$1.00 value. Special53c
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 1-4 inch hem attached, odd initials. Special 9c

J. J. Clark Six Cord Cotton Spool, black and white. Special dozen.....47c
Men's Visor Knit Sweaters, in brown, blue and crimson. Broken sizes, values up to \$6.00. Special for.....\$4.00
Men's Heavy and Light Weight Worsted Union Suits, all sizes. Special \$3.00
Plain Square Hemstitched Muslin Collar and Cuff Sets.....50c
Women's Extra Fine Ribbed Hose, with reinforced heel and toe. Warrented fast color, in black, all sizes. Special20c
Women's Sample Hose, in black and white, in fine silk, medium weight and silk lisle, value up to 30c. Special19c

Women's Floor Lined Hose, in black, regular and outside, hem or rib top. Special37c
Women's Extra Fine Lisle Hose in black, white and tan. Fall fashion. High spliced heel and double sole, elastic or garter top. Special.....75c
Women's Fine Silk Hose, in black and white, irregulars of 50c quality. Special for35c
Women's Black Glazed Kid Lace Boots, 9 inch top, welted sole, leather laces, heels. Special\$6.50
Women's Tan Storm Boots, welted sole, low walking heel, suitable for rough weather\$6.50
Women's Black Kid Lace Boots, 9 inch tops, Louis Cuban heels. Special \$5.00

Chalifoux Super-Values in Basement

Men's Heavy Wool Union Suits, in natural color, sizes 38, 40, 42, close crotch; regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 value. \$1.50
Men's Sample Undershirts, in white, red and natural wool only, sizes 40, 42 only. Special for\$1.00
Boys' Union Suits, in jersey ribbed and fleece lined, sizes 20, 32. Special 50c
Boys' Stocking Caps, in plain and fancy colors (Seconds). Special for 19c
Men's Light Weight Cotton Half Hose, high spliced heel and toe, black only. Special for12c
Boys' Suits, 3 to 16 years, juvenile and Norfolk style, broken sizes; \$1.00 value for\$2.98

Boys' Overcoats, 3 to 16 years, broken sizes; \$6.00 and \$7.00 value. Special for\$4.98
Children's Flannellette Drawers and Skirts19c Each
Children's Chambray Dresses and Rompers19c Each
Children's Corduroy Hats and Wool Toggles29c
Girls' Angora Tam O' Shanter, good assortment of colors.....39c
Children's Knit Wool Leggings and Knit Garteries39c
Children's Gingham Bungalow Aprons, 39c
Children's Gingham Dresses, sizes 2 to 14 years59c, 2 for \$1.00
Children's Merino Sweaters.....\$1.00

Extra Special—Women's Chambray House Dresses39c
Women's Dress Aprons, made with elastic belts69c
Women's Flannellette Dressing Sackings, satin trimmed69c
Women's Dark Percut Wrappers, made with lined body.....88c
Women's Flannellette Night Dresses, white and colored.....88c
Girls' Dresses, made of Anderson Gingham96c
Women's White Crepe Bloomers.....25c
Women's Black Heatherbloom Bloomers50c

RESUME AUSTRO-RUSSIAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Peace negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Russia, on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, will be continued, according to the opinion of Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, peace can be assured if Russia maintains the same attitude.

Confident of Peace With Russia
This declaration coupled with the statement by Chancellor von Hertling before the main committee of the reichstag yesterday that Germany, too, hopes to reach a "good conclusion" with the Russian delegates at Brest Litovsk, indicates complete confidence on the part of the central powers as to the final success of their separate Russian plans. In view of the demands of the German delegates that Courland and the Baltic provinces be given up by Russia, and the declaration of Count Czernin that the civil moratorium will demand no annexations and no indemnities, a question of policy is raised that enshrouds further negotiations in doubt.

Fight to Bitter End
On the question of a general peace, Count Czernin is reported to have told the reichstag that he considered President Wilson's latest peace propositions as an approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view. While there were several points in common, Count Czernin said, yet there remained the fact that Austria-Hungary, as the ally of Germany, would fight to the bitter end in defence of her alliance. He expressed the opinion that once the central powers had reached peace with Russia the entente nations would be forced to conclude a general peace, despite the efforts of their statesmen to the contrary.

Change of Tone in Speeches
Before the main committee of the reichstag yesterday Chancellor von Hertling also discussed peace with Russia, but without making mention of the reported demands of the German delegates for the annexation of Courland and other territory. The chancellor said that the negotiations at Brest Litovsk had been resumed and that he held fast to the hope that peace would result. Both the German imperial chancellor and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister remarked on the change in the tone of the recent speeches of President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, but the former disagreed with certain foreign newspapers that Lloyd George's speech could be interpreted as showing either an earnest desire for peace or friendship for Germany. Referring to President Wilson's speech, the chancellor

said there was no difference between Germany and the United States regarding the freedom of the seas.

Assurances of Japan's Allegiance
Renewal of assurances of Japan's allegiance to her allies with Great Britain and the other allies has been made by Count Terauchi, the Japanese premier. In an address at the opening of the diet he declared that Japan held herself responsible for the maintenance of peace in the far east. The Russian situation, he said, was causing great anxiety.

Teutons Fall Back in Italy
Abandonment of the plan to overrun the Venetian plains seems to have been decided upon by the Austro-German armies and is indicated in the retirement from the Piave river eastward, due to the constantly harassing attacks by the Italians and French and British allies. On other fronts intensive bombardments are reported from several sectors and infantry and air raids continue on an extensive scale.

To Continue Peace Negotiations
LONDON, Jan. 25.—Austria has decided to continue peace negotiations with Russia on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, according to a Vienna despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., quoting from Count Czernin's address before the reichstag.
"The demand from Russia not a meter of territory, not a centime of indemnity," the foreign minister is quoted as having said, "and peace can be obtained if Russia maintains the same standpoint as she evidently intends to do."
"It is obvious to me," said Count Czernin, "that an exchange of views between America and Austria-Hungary might form the starting point for a conciliatory discussion among all the states which have not yet entered into peace negotiations."

Artillery Action
PARIS, Jan. 25.—The official statement issued by the war office today says:
"There have been spirited artillery actions in the region of Maisons de Champaigne and on a sector of the Avocourt front."

German Artillery Active
LONDON, Jan. 25.—"The hostile artillery was active yesterday and in the early part of the night west of La Vacquerie and in the neighborhood of Passchendaele," says today's official statement.

children who are born prematurely. The picture lasted about an hour. Mayor Thompson was present and it is possible that the film will be shown in Lowell at a later date although Mr. Fitzgerald was not sure just when. It has already been passed by censors in Boston, Holyoke, Worcester and other cities.

HEARINGS UNDER THE COMPENSATION ACT

A hearing and two conferences under the workmen's compensation act were held at city hall this morning. E. Gleason, of the industrial accident board, being in charge.

The first conference had to do with the case of John M. Hanley, an employee of the city of Lowell, who claims that on June 9, 1917 while loading a cart with dirt he placed his foot on an unraised cobble and broke his ankle. No decision was reached.
The other conference was in the case of Walter S. Brown, of Wrentham, Mass., an employee of the South Action Woolen Co., who claims he broke his collar bone by falling while in the performance of his duties in the plant of the company. Brown claims his foot got caught in a metal sheet on the floor with the result that he fell against a post. The insurance company is the Maryland Casualty Co.
The hearing was in the case of Yvonne Blanchette, a 15-year-old girl, who was employed at the J. P. Pilling Shoe Co. On Sept. 6, 1917, the young girl had her hand caught in a sewing machine and as a result of the accident she lost four fingers of the right hand. She is asking for double compensation on the ground of alleged negligence on the part of the company, and also because of permanent injury. Stanley K. Qua appeared for the girl, and Lewis R. Doyle for the Travelers insurance company, the insurer. No decision was given.

MOVING PICTURE GIVEN TRIAL PRESENTATION AT THE STRAND THEATRE

"Birth," a moving picture production of the Hygienic Film Co. of New York and distributed in New England by the Hub Pictures corporation of Boston, was given a trial presentation at the Strand theatre this morning at 11 o'clock before a small audience of local doctors, clergymen and a committee of ladies who had been asked by Mayor Perry D. Thompson to view the film and express their opinion of its value as an educational picture. At the conclusion of its showing the general opinion was that the production was most instructive and that there was not anything in it which challenged the boundaries of good taste.

D. S. Fitzgerald, representing the Hub Pictures corporation, spoke informally in the lobby of the Strand before the picture was presented, and told of the purpose of the film. It was designed primarily for women. Its main object is to instruct women in proper exercise and general care of health both in the period of expectancy and after the child is born. The scene of the picture was laid almost entirely in a modern scientific hospital in New York and the greater part of the film was given over to a portrayal of modern methods in the care of children. Every detail of the baby's welfare was included in the portrayal from birth up to the age of four or five years.

The latter part of the picture showed how scientific nursing methods are able to bring around to normal health

FIRE SMOULDERS IN HAY IN BURNED BUILDING

Hundreds of people viewed the ruins of the sales stables of C. H. Hanson & Co. in Rock street last night and today, and those who were on the scene about nine o'clock last night saw the blaze break out anew, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained much headway.
Seven pieces of fire apparatus remained in the vicinity of the buildings until 3:30 o'clock last night when they returned to their respective stations. Six firemen, with two lines of hose, however, remained on the scene all last night and today the men being relieved at six or seven hour intervals.
It was well that the firemen were on hand last night for about nine o'clock a brisk blaze broke out in several bales of hay and gave the firemen a lively battle for a few minutes. This fire, the firemen say, will burn for about a week or more and will not be extinguished until all the bales are pulled out of the building, the bands broken and the hay overhauled. The working down process lasted until about midnight last night.

There will be much difficulty in removing the bales, owing to the fact that portions of the floors are unsafe and when some of the bales are removed the release of weight is liable to cause a sudden collapse.
It was learned this morning that three of the four automobiles in the front portion of what is known as the shed were not damaged. These machines are owned by C. H. Hanson & Co. and had been stored in the front portion of the building for the winter. The machines in the paint shop, however, were destroyed. One of these machines valued at about \$6000 is the property of a local mill agent.

Carl Dolan of Hose 11 suffered two broken ribs as a result of being struck by the pole of a heavy truck which was being removed during the progress of the fire. Edward Smith of Truck 2 had his hip injured when he fell from the top of several bales of hay between two trucks and John McManmon of Truck 3 suffered an injury to his right foot.

Two lengths of hose, which had never been used before, were lost when one of the floors caved in.

ENGINEERS OF LOCAL 352 OF I.U.S. & O.E.

A meeting will be held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27th at hall, 36 Central st.

Store Hours

TUESDAY: 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY:
9 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

SATURDAY: 9 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

THE JAMES CO

Merrimack Street, Cor. Palmer St.

Before Inventory Sale of Our Entire Stock of Wearing Apparel for Women, Misses, Juniors and Girls

Every Winter Garment has been reduced to cost or less to enact a quick clearance as our policy is TO CLEAR ALL STOCKS REGARDLESS OF LOSS.

COATS

that formerly sold to 25.00.

Clearance Price

12.50

Materials in Wool Plush, Velours, Pom Pom, Salt's guaranteed Silk Plush, Fine Thibets, heavy Mellons and Broadcloths among the assortment.



COATS

that formerly sold to 35.00.

Clearance Price

19.75

Coats that formerly sold at \$25. Clearance price 15.00

Styled in High Waisted, Box Pleated and conservative models. Fur Collar and Silk trimmed effects. All sizes, 14 to 44.

Dresses

— IN —

Silk, French Serge, Georgette



Many are new exact duplicates of new Spring models—Long line and high waisted effects, embroidered, trimmed and tailored styles. All sizes in the assortment.

16.50 value. Clearance price 9.75
22.50 value. Clearance price 15.00
29.50 value. Clearance price 19.75

Clearance of Our Entire Stock of

Women's and Misses'

Suits

formerly selling to \$34.50. Choice

Friday and Saturday,

12.50

ALL SALES FINAL

Buy Now for Spring and Summer wear

BLOUSES

at a saving of 1-3 to 1-2 later prices

Pretty Voile, Pique and French Babette Waists,

98c

Lingerie and Crepe Silk Waists, in tailored and trimmed models,

1.98

Silk Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses, lace trimmed and tailored models,

2.98

Stripe Taffeta and Messaline Waists,

2.98

Sample Blouses of Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta, suit shades, flesh and white,

3.98

Aprons

Dainty Tea Aprons, in fine Muslin, dotted Swiss and Lawns, plain and lace trimmed, sewing pockets and satin ribbon effects.

19c

39c

69c

Furs

Our entire stock of fine

Scarfs,

Collarettes,

Capes

and Muffs

reduced to cost and less, Friday and Saturday.



Girls' Wear at Clearaway Prices

Coats in sizes 2 to 6 years; formerly selling to 8.98 3.00

Coats in sizes 6 to 14 years; formerly selling to 12.98 5.00

Coats in sizes to 16 years; formerly selling to 18.50 9.00

ALL WOOL SERGE DRESSES

Sizes 6 to 14 years

3.49

NEW WASH DRESSES

Sizes 2 to 14 years

1.00

SUN BREVITIES

Rest Printing, Tobin's, Asso. Bldg.

T. C. Lee & Co. carried insurance on Mr. Patrick O'Hearn's automobile which was burned in the Hanson fire.

Unsigned personals of any description will receive no attention. Contributors must give name and address.

Romuald Fontaine, formerly of this city and now of Cohoes, N. Y., is the guest of his brother, J. L. Fontaine of Middlesex street and his sister, Mrs. Francis Pelletier of Draught.

John Riley, employed in the shoddy plant of the Beaver Brook mill in Colinsville fell from a step ladder while oiling a shafting Wednesday and sustained a broken collar bone. He was removed to his home, where he was attended by the family physician.

birth. The young woman was the recipient of appropriate gifts. During the evening musical numbers were given and luncheon was served.

The members of Hose 9 were summoned to the corner of Tanner and Howard streets shortly after 1 o'clock this morning to extinguish a blaze in a car of ashes. The car was slightly damaged. Employees had shoveled ashes from the engine pits at the roundhouse into the car to be taken away and the woodwork of the car caught fire.

The members of the Y.M.H.A. are elected over the acceptance of an invitation by Judge Jacob Asher of Worcester to speak in this city next Sunday afternoon. Judge Asher is a noted orator, and his coming here is looked upon in local Jewish circles as one of the most important events in years. Mr. A. Baranofsky of Boston will also speak. The affair will be held in the Howard street synagogue at 2:30 o'clock.

The chairman representing the school districts of the Junior Red

Cross auxiliaries had a meeting last night, at which the Lakewood Avenue school paid its full quota of 25 cents for each pupil, teacher and janitor in the building, kindergarten included, thus attaining full membership as an auxiliary. The Lakewood is the second primary school in the North Middlesex division to do this, the Greenhaile primary being the first. The inclusion of the Lakewood Avenue school completes the necessary payments of the Greenhaile district, and says have now been earned by all the schools in it.

BODY FOUND IN LAKE BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF LOWELL MAN

Supt. Welch of the police department has received a communication from L. G. Dearborn, Jr., medical examiner of Derry, N. H., informing him that the body of an unknown man was found in Lake Massabesic, Manchester, N. H., the day before yesterday. The writer is of the opinion that

the man may have belonged in Lowell or vicinity.

The following is the description given out: Height, 5 feet 9½ inches; weight, about 175 pounds; full smooth face, lower teeth fair, upper teeth missing, heavy sandy eyebrows, gray eyes, long thin nose; wore a black tie, low white collar, white cutting shirt with black pencil stripes, blue jersey, blue pants, black soft hat, size 7½; black medium weight overcoat, black medium weight stockings, black low shoes and gray two-piece underwear in the pockets of the man's clothing was found a chamolite tobacco pouch and new brlar pipe.

The body is now at the undertaking rooms of Elmer D. Goodwin, 5 Stark street, Manchester, N. H.

Ten Americans who are said to possess fortunes exceeding \$125,000,000, with incomes of \$5,000,000 or more, include John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Henry C. Frick, Harry Ford, J. F. Morgan and George F. Baker.

GERMAN MINES SINK OWN DESTROYERS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25.—The mine field responsible for the sinking on Sunday of the German destroyers A-72 and A-73 was of German origin. The 17 men from the crew of the A-79, the only survivors from the two vessels, suffered greatly for four days in the open sea. It was from these survivors it was learned that the mine field was German.

DANCING

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
A. O. H.
Admission 25c Music, Wall's Orch.

CLOCKS! CLOCKS!
See our windows for unusual values in all styles of clocks. Plenty of others inside the store.
EXPERT WATCH, CLOCK AND JEWELRY REPAIRING
Ricard's Jewelry Shop
123 CENTRAL ST.

Wake Up, Prepare!

ECONOMY IS THE WATCHWORD

Economy which comes from **quality** and **value**. In clothing this means all wool, fast colors and honest, skilled workmanship, in short Hart Schaffner and Marx Clothes. These goods will be scarce and higher in price next fall. Buy now. It is a paying investment. We guarantee it.

We Have Prepared for You

Our stock is complete. We show fifty per cent. more Suits and Overcoats than last year, and our business is more than fifty per cent. increased. We can show you an assortment of dependable, serviceable, guaranteed Suits and Overcoats.

\$15 \$18 \$20 \$25 \$30

Some at \$10.00 and \$12.75 Also

Belted Suits

See our window display of live models. We call attention to those marked

\$20

Underwear

We have protected our customers against the extreme rise in prices. Buy now for next winter. All Wool Shirts and Drawers.

\$1.75 \$2.50 \$3.00

Union Suits.....\$1.00 to \$5.00
Boys' Union Suits.....75c and \$1.25

SPECIAL VALUE

Silk Lined Chesterfield Overcoats

Blue, black, light or dark oxford. Tailored by A. B. Kirschbaum & Co. and guaranteed all wool.

\$25

Boys' Overcoats

We have the best values in good heavy weight School Coats and Mackinaws in Lowell. Be sure and see our assortment.

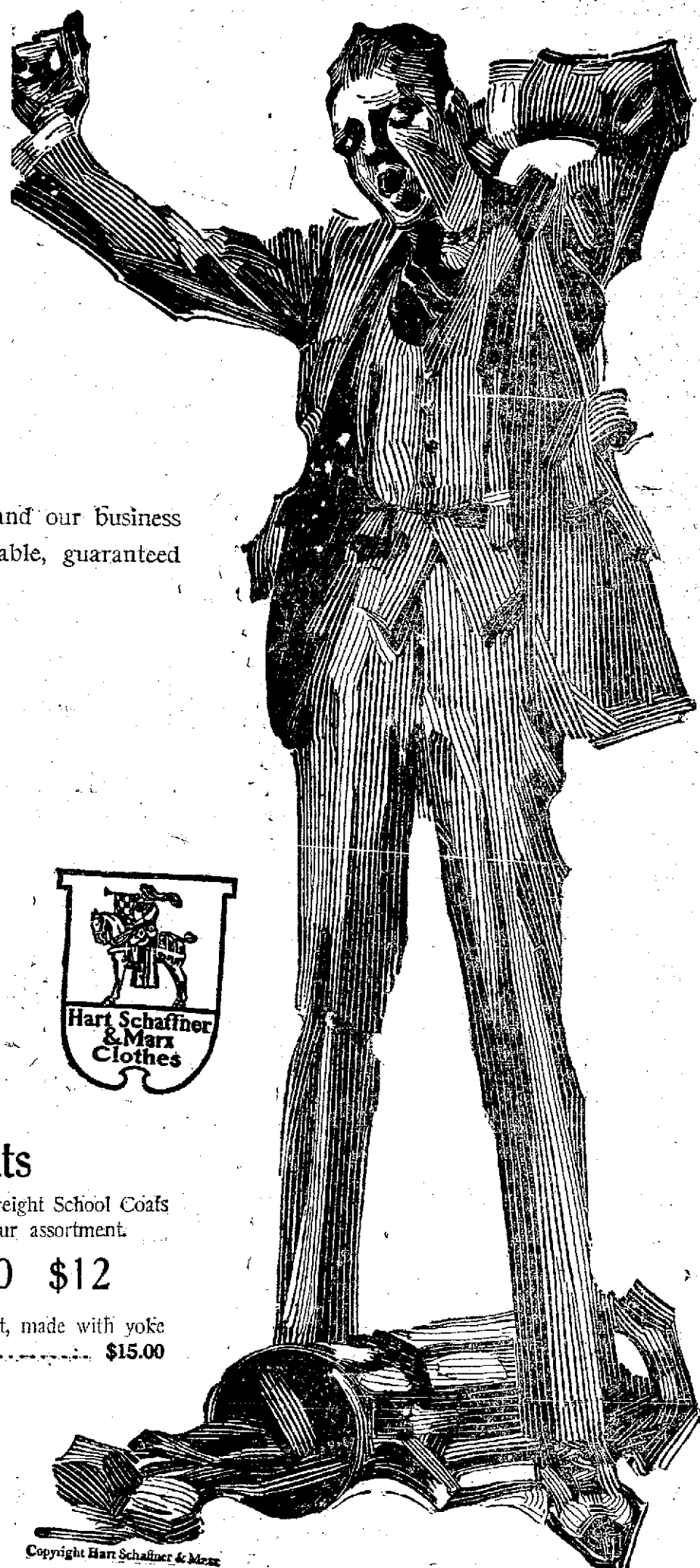
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ARMOUR & CO. PRESENT ANNUAL REPORT

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Armour and company's business in the United States in 1917 amounted to \$575,000,000, on which a net profit of \$21,000,000 was earned, according to the firm's financial report made public today. The firm's business in products originating in this country—sold both here and abroad—was \$50,000,000 greater than the world business of the firm in 1916.

Net income was equivalent to 14.5 per cent. on invested capital or 21 per cent. on the capital stock. The profit from the sale of meat and other food products amounted to 2.21 cents on each dollar of sales.

In 1916, Armour's total profits were \$20,100,000—14.7 per cent. on investment and 20 per cent. on capital stock. J. Ogden Armour, in a statement accompanying the financial report, offers as an explanation for the high price of meat products during the past year, the fact that live meat animals cost approximately 37 per cent. more than they did the preceding year.

A search of the entire city of La Crosse, Wis., for a German flag to be used in a high school play failed to bring one to light.

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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND THE WAR

Enrollment in American public schools has been affected by the war, but not to the extent of making it less than last year, according to figures compiled by the department of the interior through the bureau of education. Figures from 141 cities and 696 counties or districts show an increase of close to the normal amount of 21.2 per cent. in elementary schools. In high schools, however, the increase is only one-fourth of the usual 21.2 per cent.

Such increase as there is in high school enrollment is caused by the girl students. Fewer boys are enrolled this year in every class in high school except the fourth; apparently there is a healthy tendency for boys in the senior year to remain and graduate.

In city elementary schools the increase in enrollment is actually somewhat above normal; but in city high schools there is a marked falling off, especially among the boys.

Country schools show some gains over last year both in elementary and high school enrollment, but not as great as would be expected under normal conditions. Rural high schools show increases for both boys and girls, despite the war.

WORKERS WILL RULE THE WORLD, SAYS SCHWAB

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., declared in an address at a dinner here last night that the time is near at hand "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world."

"The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration," Mr. Schwab declared, "and in the very near future we must look to the worker for a solution of the great economic questions now being considered. I am not one to carelessly turn over my belongings for the uplift of the nation, but I am one who has come to a belief that the worker will rule, and the sooner we realize this the better it will be for our country and the world at large."

"In these times of war," Mr. Schwab said, "we of America should not criticize the actions of our president and our nation. We are behind him and we are behind the nation. When I say 'we' I mean the steel men of the United States. Within the next 18 months we will have more tonnage on the ocean than all the nations of the world."

"But don't let us run away with the idea that we have a light job on our hands. We must realize that it is the duty of every citizen to give his last dollar and his last drop of blood in defense of his country. I am not discouraged and pessimistic, but we must contribute our money as we never contributed before. We must forget our personal notions and stand by our nation. Let us place dependency upon our government and our cause."

Mr. Schwab's address was delivered at a dinner of the annual of grammar school 40, of which he is a graduate.

GERMAN ATROCITIES FAIL TO BREAK UP UNITY OF BELGIUM

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 26.—After more than three years of effort, the German authorities in Belgium have to admit the failure of their attempt to drive a wedge between the two races and languages in Belgium. The unity of Belgium still exists, and there are signs that the Germans have given up, at least for the time being, their attempt to break it up.

The authority for this statement is the German propagandist weekly in Holland, the Toekomst, which states

that the present policy of the government general in Brussels is "more moderate," and that "Berlin approves this policy as a means of gaining peace." The article concludes by advising the advocates of the former German policy to "steer a middle course and give up their flourishes of rhetoric."

The attempts of the Germans to force the Flemish language on Brussels and Antwerp are declared to have completely failed and the government has had to confess itself beaten. The supporters of the German scheme among the Belgian population are known as "activists," and are very unpopular among the majority of their fellow citizens. An activists "demonstration" was arranged in Brussels recently and was much exploited in the German press at the time. But, according to the Echo Belge, the demonstration was a fiasco.

"Instead of 3000, the audience was only 1000," says the newspaper. "Moreover, one-third of those were Dutch and another third Germans, partly in uniform. The procession to the market place was attacked as soon as noticed by the crowd, notwithstanding the protection of the local police. Next time there may be a riot. Now the activists are beginning to divide into Maximilians and Minimalsists and are becoming very difficult for their German bosses to handle."

Dirty Hands? Surprise Cleanser.

What to Do When Backache Comes on

"Foley Kidney Pills have done me more good than \$150.00 worth of other medicines," writes Chas. W. Fox of Hiram, N. Y.

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FOURTH YEAR OF WAR REMARKABLE FOR SUSTAINED ACTIVITY OF TRADE

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The fourth year of war has been remarkable for the sustained activity of trade, the continuous and cumulative increases in wages and the ferment in the engineering and munition industries, says the Daily Telegraph.

During the past 12 months wages increased to workingmen exceeded £100,000,000 and the increases during the three years, 1915-16-17, together with the rise in prices of commodities, have completely revolutionized the pro-war economic basis of British trade.

The unpleasant feature of the year has been the growing discontent and unrest pervading large sections of the workers and this is seen in the number of industrial disputes, often of the most trivial kind. Official returns from January to November indicate there were 494 disputes during those months affecting 647,724 workers and causing the loss of over 3,500,444 working days, the greatest loss of time being recorded during September, October and November.

The number of persons unemployed is the lowest on record, and throughout the war period the figure has steadily declined till it is now below one per cent.

FINDON GUIDED BY WOMEN

FINDON, England, Jan. 25.—Findon is the first village in England to be entirely guided by women. A woman's village council has been set up, and the subjects under discussion are housing, infant welfare and education. Neighborliness is encouraged and a fair temper shown in discussion.

FIRE BOMB MAKER'S CONFESSION ADMITTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The transcript of an alleged confession by Ernest Becker, who, with Franz von Rintelen, a German naval officer, and 15 others, is on trial here charged with conspiracy to place fire bombs on ships in New York harbor, was admitted in evidence yesterday.

Becker, who was deck electrician on the liner Friedrich der Grosse, which was moored in Hoboken during August, 1914, is said to have admitted having made the tubes which were used as fire bombs, when he was

questioned by Fire Marshal Brophy, soon after being arrested.

Becker is said to have further declared that Dr. Walter P. Scheele, a German chemist named in the indictment, who fled from this country about two years ago, gave him a sample of the tubes which Becker afterward made in large quantities. On one occasion, Becker is alleged to have stated, he saw the doctor pour a small quantity of fluid on some white powder which immediately burst into flame.

Carl Gustafson, who was a carpenter on the steamer Kirkswald when she sailed from New York for Marselles in May, 1916, testified that when the vessel reached Marselles

four tubes were found in sugar bags stored in the hold.

"When I picked one of them up my fingers felt as though they were burning," Gustafson said.

MAY KILLED WHEN HYDRO-EXTRACTOR BURST AT THE PROVIDENCE DYE CO.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 25.—One man was killed and two were badly hurt late yesterday when a hydro-extractor burst in a drying room of the Providence Dye Co. Patrick Gomley is dead. William Gregory and Joseph Lannigan, the men injured, may recover. The concern is at work on a government contract.

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LOWELL WINS BY GARRISON FINISH

Lowell's "pinch hitter" came through last night and hence the Lowell polo team triumphed over Worcester in a thrilling garrison finish. The score was 11 to 10.

Apparent defeat was turned into glorious victory so quickly that the justly enthusiastic fans hardly realized just what was taking place. With the score 10 to 6 in Worcester's favor at the beginning of the last stanza, few of those in the hall would give a nickel for Lowell's chances, but the home team staged an eleventh hour rally that broke all records for action and speed and by sending in five goals without a break by the visitors jumped out in front, accompanied by the tumultuous cheers of the crowd.

Cusick Made Good

The injection of Cusick into the game toward the end of the second period when Finnell was forced to retire as the result of an injury, turned the tables. The new man went into the game and worked his head off, and he played "Bob" Hart, who in the early part of the game was going in old time form, very effectively and prevented the former Lowell star from again breaking into the scoring column. Cusick's playing was very scientific. His blocking could not be improved upon, while his passing was of an unusually high order. When Cusick left the floor after a great hand, the crowd gave him a great hand.

Higgins Like Lightning

In the first two periods Worcester outplayed and outclassed Lowell. The famous "Jigger" Higgins was running true to form, and he went to the spot and around the floor like a streak of lightning. He teamed up well with "Bob" Hart and the combination scored all the visitors' goals. Higgins drove in six, while Hart got four.

The work of Higgins, while a heart breaker for Lowell, was so spectacular that his efforts brought forth ringing applause. In the first period Higgins got four, while Hart sent in two. Higgins got two for Lowell and Griffith one.

The second period opened with Griffith sending in one for Lowell. Things looked a little better. Hart and Higgins then scored one apiece with Oldham and Higgins, following suit. Higgins then took one of the spot and drove it in in just 2 seconds. Gloom, yes, and more gloom, when a little later Hart sent in the tenth goal for the visitors. With the score 10 to 6, Hart and Finnell clashed and the former while trying to extricate himself swung his stick, hitting Finnell a terrific blow on the left hand. Finnell quickly yanked off his glove and discovered that his index finger was badly smashed. The injury was dressed and Finnell continued in the game for

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A short time and then Cusick came in to take his place.

Turning Point of Game

With the opening of the third period the fans pleaded with Lowell to come through. Cusick immediately got busy and every time that the Worcester rushes, particularly Hart, came within his territory, he got out and played his man. Luckily he took the ball away from the Worcester man and his clever passing to the Lowell offensive men proved the turning point of the game. The work of Cusick seemed to act as a tonic for the other players and Higgins and Griffith got their sticks working in great style and began to bounce the pill by Mullin in whirlwind fashion. The Lowell "combo" never worked more effectively and after about six minutes of play, Higgins drove two in. Ten to eight was the score. "You can do it Lowell," yelled a fan in the bleachers. Just 23 seconds later Oldham sent one in. Just one behind, "Over the top Lowell!" cried a lady from the gallery. Griffith looked up and smiled. Then he got a hold of one and gave it a terrific smash and into the draperies went the little apple. The score was 10 all. Noise, well we should say yes. The ball fairly rocked with enthusiasm.

Fifteen seconds later Higgins took a line pass from "Griff" and bang! into the cage for Lowell's fifth goal of the night, and the fifth of the period. A few minutes later and the game was over. "Three cheers for Cusick!" yelled a fan. His call was answered, and the young player went over the fence amid the yells and cheers of a well satisfied crowd. The summary:

LOWELL—11	10—WORCESTER
Oldham 1r	1r Higgins
Hart 2r	2r Hart
Griffith c	c Donnelly
Cusick, Pennell b	b Morrison
Furcell g	g Mullin

(First Period)

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GEN. BLISS IN PARIS TO URGE BIG ATTACK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff, who arrived in Paris yesterday, will represent the United States army on the supreme war council. Secretary Baker in so announcing last night disclosed that the general is accompanied by high officers of every branch of the service to advise him about any questions that may arise.

Gen. Bliss attended the first meeting of the council and decision to send him back to Europe as a permanent representative in that body was made.

because it was recognized that Gen. Pershing's duties in organizing and commanding the ever-increasing American expeditionary forces were too great to permit him to undertake the presentation of American views on military operations and to sit with the council in framing plans of strategy that cover all fronts and all armies.

Will Report Our Plans Doubled
No word of the departure of Gen. Bliss had been published until the news of his safe arrival came yesterday.

From Gen. Bliss the war council will obtain an up-to-the-minute report on what the United States will be able to contribute to operations on the western front this spring and summer.

His report in this regard has been forecast to some extent by President Wilson's statement to congressional visitors that there would be in Europe in June twice the number of American troops which it had been originally planned to send by that time.

Gen. Bliss can also inform his conferees exactly the situation in which the United States finds itself now as to delivery of supplies of all sorts to the allies and this information

probably will have great weight in the shaping of war plans.

While Secretary Baker's statement merely said that Gen. Bliss had arrived in France to represent the army on the council, there have been intimations that renewed recommendations for vigorous offensive operations on the widest possible scale were included in the instructions the general received before sailing.

Impending German Attack Fears
Probably the primary consideration before the council when it reconvenes will be the widely advertised proposed German offensive on the western front.

A mass of information has reached the allied powers from many quarters indicating an impending drive against the British or French lines, or both.

The possibility suggested by Col. Repington, the British military critic, in his latest article in the London Post yesterday, that the German concentration may be "to support negotiations" rather than for an assault is in line with views held by some American officers here.

They feel that had the Germans really intended to make a great drive they would not have given advance notice of it, and are inclined to the opinion that the German high command is endeavoring to set up the hope of a great attack as a preliminary to another peace drive.

The possibility is suggested here that the allies may anticipate the German attack with a great drive as the British once did in Flanders.

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WOULD INCREASE THE TAX RATE

Unless Monthly Payments to Soldiers and Sailors Are Discontinued

Local Tax Rate Will Be Increased About \$3.00 a Thousand

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Jan. 25.—Massachusetts' state tax will jump to \$27,000,000 this year and each city and town in the commonwealth accordingly has to raise its local taxes approximately \$3 a thousand unless the monthly payments of \$10 to soldiers and sailors in the service of the nation are discontinued.

This statement was made today by Representative Benjamin Loring Young of Weston, member of the legislative committee on ways and means, the so-called "money committee" of the general court. Mr. Young and others handling the appropriations of the state are strenuously opposed to the bills now in the legislature which the interest of men in the military service and have openly declared their intention of opposing legislation which aims to continue the payments or to include drafted men in the state pay plans.

Already the state has spent \$1,750,000 in payments to soldiers and sailors, and a further appropriation of \$250,000 will be needed to meet claims at present approved up to Jan. 15 of this year. This makes \$2,000,000 required to date.

Out of an estimated total of \$2,000,000 volunteers from the state only 25,000, or about 40 per cent of the men, have claimed the money which they are entitled to. An additional appropriation of about \$2,000,000 will be required to pay the claims of the other 60 per cent of the volunteers, and this must be provided by the legislature of 1918.

Governor McCall, it is understood, recommended to the legislature for volunteers soldiers when the pay of a private in the army was only \$15 a month, and with the intention that payments should cease when the federal government raised the soldiers' pay. At present the government pays privates a minimum of \$30 a month.

Many bills have been filed this year for the continuance during the coming year of this additional state pay, and also for its extension to include drafted men. A hearing on the bills was held yesterday. To pay all Massachusetts soldiers and sailors during the coming year, taking into account new enlistments and new increments to be mustered into the service under the selective service act would require an amount estimated by the revenue committee on budget at \$12,000,000. This estimate is based on an average of 100,000 men in the service, the number now being over 60,000.

Everything considered, the members of the ways and means committee figure that the state tax cannot be less than \$1,000,000 this year, the same as last year, and in all probability, will be \$15,000,000. The latter figure would be the highest tax in the history of the state, and if on top of that an addition of \$12,000,000 is made to provide for the proposed "bonuses" to soldiers and sailors, the grand total state tax would be \$27,000,000.

MISS EVA PELLIER WINS FIRST PLACE IN TYPEWRITER CONTEST

Miss Eva Pellier of 261 Hildreth street, a pupil of the Lowell Commercial college and chief clerk for the exemption board of division 4, Greenhouse school, was notified yesterday that she had won first place in a typewriter contest held Jan. 8 by the New England Business College association. Taking part in the contest were pupils from colleges in the following cities: Boston, Worcester, Lawrence, Haverhill, North Adams, Pittsfield, Malden, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Middletown, New London, Newport, Woonsocket, Bristol, Fall River, Taunton, Manchester and Providence.

Miss Pellier wrote 582 words in ten minutes with but seven errors, giving her a net mark of 54.7 words per minute under the international rules. The regular meeting of the members of the Leather Workers' union was held last evening in Central street with President Joseph Moran in the chair. Routine business was transacted and new members were initiated. Frank H. McCarthy, New England organizer for the American Federation of Labor, addressed the gathering and his remarks were listened to with great interest.

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record is a remarkable one, inasmuch as 26 schools throughout New England were entered in the contest and that but one other typist succeeded in attaining more than 48 words a minute.

MANY LABOR UNIONS HOLD MEETINGS

According to President Fred H. Crowley of the Central Union, no action will be taken on the grievances with the Bay State Street Railway Co. until after the special meetings which are scheduled to be held this evening in all the divisions of the Bay State. At these meetings reports of the delegates recently appointed to interview the company officials will be heard.

Hosiery Workers

The first meeting of the Hosiery Workers of the city was held in Odd Fellows hall, Middlesex street, last evening with Frank Mullen, president of the Women Weavers' union, in the chair. The gathering, which was fairly large, was addressed by Miss Mary J. Kelleher, John Hadley of the Lowell Textile council and others interested in unionism. The next meeting will be held next Thursday evening at the same place and it is hoped that the membership of the organization will be doubled by that time.

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AT 15c A PAIR—Ladies' Extra Heavy Black Cotton Hose, double sole. Regular 25c value.

AT 15c A PAIR—Ladies' Very Fine Gauze Lisle Hose, black, double sole, high spliced heel and with garter tops. Regular 25c value.

AT 25c A PAIR—Ladies' Silk Boot Hose, black and colors, second quality of the 30c value.

AT 30c A PAIR—Ladies' Silk Hose, assorted colors, mill samples. Regular 50c to 75c value.

AT 35c A PAIR; 3 PAIRS FOR \$1.00—Ladies' Wool and Cashmere Hose, black and oxford, seconds of the 50c quality.

AT 39c PAIR; 2 PAIRS FOR 75c—Ladies' Ribbed Wool Hose and Fine Cashmere, in black, oxford, natural, 59c value.

Children's Hose

AT 7c PAIR—Children's Black Ribbed Hose, damaged, 12½c value.

AT 12½c PAIR—Children's Black Ribbed Hose, good heavy quality, 19c value.

AT 9c PAIR; 3 PAIRS FOR 25c—Children's Ribbed Hose, fine quality, small size, 12½c to 25c value.

AT 12½c PAIR—Children's Very Fine Ribbed Hose, small and medium sizes only. 25c value.

AT 15c PAIR—Children's Fine Ribbed Hose, white and tan. 25c value.

AT 15c PAIR—Children's Heavy Ribbed Cotton Hose, black. Full assortment of sizes, seconds of the 25c value.

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CHAMBERLAIN'S FLUKE

U. S. Senator Chamberlain, who fears not "God, man, nor devil," has made a feeble effort to sustain the charge he made against the administration at Washington—that of general inefficiency and failure in every department.

He has now centered upon the war department and charges that it is responsible for thousands of deaths in the cantonments due chiefly to epidemics that might have been prevented.

The senator is on very uncertain ground when he undertakes to discuss the origin and prevention of epidemics. Take for example measles, which has been, so far as we know, the only epidemic in the camps. Will the senator tell what caused this epidemic or how it might have been prevented? We doubt whether there is a physician in the land who could do this. The measles caused some deaths directly and in many cases became the indirect cause of pneumonia, which caused numerous deaths, but not thousands.

It is no wonder at all that many soldiers were taken down by pneumonia as a result of being hurried into newly constructed camps and subjected to military training in the coldest winter we have had for forty years. The administration will now have to bear the blame for what the cold weather may have done to bring on illness of various kinds.

We do not believe that Chamberlain can sustain any charge he has made, but whether he does or not as a result of his course he must be classed as a new recruit to the "willful" coterie made up of republicans and democrats and who have from the beginning showed a strong tendency to give aid and comfort to the enemy by hampering the administration in its management of the war.

In the present instance Chamberlain, although supposed to be a democrat, is aiding the republican insurgents in an effort to take over the management of the war and to establish a war cabinet subject to their approval and which would exercise supervisory powers over the acts of President Wilson. It is an attempt to nullify his constitutional powers. It would be fatal to the success of the war.

The men at the head of this movement are Roosevelt and Penrose, their aim being chiefly political, and patriotism but the mantle to hide their hypocrisy.

The people of this country, we believe, want no foolery of this kind and will not tolerate it. The president must stand free of all cliques and combinations if he is expected to conduct the war to a successful finish. In that attitude the nation must stand behind him and this outbreak of political jealousy will brand the men identified with it as among the most dangerous in the country despite their protestations of patriotic sincerity.

MR. CARSON'S RETIREMENT

The retirement of Sir Edward Carson from the British war cabinet, the report of a split in the Irish convention and the recent utterances of Carson's lieutenant, Sir Frederick E. Smith, in this country, in opposition to home rule—all go to indicate a crisis in the Irish situation.

It is currently reported that the convention has frequently been at the point of breaking up because of the unwillingness of the Unionists to agree to any form of self-government that would give a Dublin parliament legislative power over the Unionist counties of that province.

It is also reported that Premier Lloyd George has interposed to save the convention from failure and if possible to bring the Ulster men to terms. There is no doubt that the premier is anxious to have the Irish question settled in a peaceful manner, but that may be impossible without coercing Ulster and unless Lloyd George shows more courage than did Asquith he will not adopt the coercive policy.

It is alleged that Mr. Carson retired in order that he may be free to oppose the inclusion of Ulster in the home rule scheme, but we do not believe he would dare offer any opposition at this stage. When the convention was organized, he favored its aims and expressed himself as favorable to an amicable settlement; but that did not indicate that he was willing to concede anything that would make possible a settlement acceptable to nationalist Ireland.

To have a discontented Ireland held down only by a large army of occupation is peculiarly embarrassing to England at the present time when she proclaims to the world that she is fighting for the rights of small nationalities to self-determination in the matter of self-government. It is just possible that Sir Frederick E. Smith, the close lieutenant of Carson, came to this country as an emissary of Carson in order to test public sentiment upon the issue.

Whether or not that was his mission, he certainly can carry back to Mr. Carson the news that the situation is an embarrassment to this country as well as to England in conducting the war and in fighting among other things for the rights of subject nationalities. It is now incumbent on Lloyd George to show courage where Asquith showed cowardice in nullifying a home rule act merely to avoid a conflict with Ulster.

The British liberals and the British

democracy are still strongly in favor of home rule. They have favored it since Gladstone's day, but not until the restriction of the veto power of the peers, could any such measure be carried. Asquith by his action virtually transferred the veto power of the peers to Ulster so far as the home rule question is concerned. The crop of evils that have occurred since 1912 is the result.

THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

This is no time to frame penalties for the non-enforcement of the eight hour law.

A bill now before the legislature would provide a penalty ranging from \$50 to \$500 for any individual or corporation that authorized any employee to work more than eight hours a day in any mill, factory or establishment in this state.

The law does not apply to watchmen and men employed making necessary repairs or in emergency where life and property are in imminent danger. The work on government orders under military necessity should be outside the operation of any such law.

There is little doubt that the eight hour day will become general in the near future, but while the war lasts, it may be necessary to extend the hours of labor rather than shorten them. It would be against the interests of the nation to place any obstacle in the way of such an exigency.

That measure should be laid away until after the war. The tendency of the times is for shorter working hours and nothing will be lost by displaying a little patriotic patience under present conditions. It is equally true that even in war times the physical health of the people must be protected lest by over exertion the operatives should break down and thus impair the efficiency of our industrial system on which the waging of successful war depends.

BAR THE STUFF

There should be some licensing body to pass upon circulars and advertisements distributed in the homes of our city. Some had stuff of various kinds is put into the letter boxes and doors of houses to be read by whoever may pick it up. This literature may deal with quick medical remedies or the promotion of propaganda work ranging from polemics and pacifism to socialism and anarchy. There should be an ordinance providing that no speech matter be distributed without the approval of some municipal authority.

The story of German atrocities told by Major Grayson Murphy, formerly in charge of American Red Cross work in France, cannot be doubted. He speaks from personal observation and what he says only confirms similar versions told by scores of speakers and writers.

The toll of the U-boats for last week is somewhat smaller, but that indicates only a breathing spell after which they will come back stronger to the attack. The allies have not as yet found any effective method of beating the submarine menace.

A bible class is the last place one would expect to find disloyalty, but yet such a class conducted at Westfield was a hotbed of sedition. The bible feature was but a cloak for the German propaganda.

After all, the five day shut down has not brought serious consequences to industries anywhere, while in helping to clear the railroad congestion it certainly did much good.

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SEEN AND HEARD

Perhaps there are those who think that locomotor ataxia has something to do with taxicabs.

The new woman who wants to vote would sometimes prefer not to have people know how old she is.

Speaking of moving pictures, it's a pesky job when you have to rehearse every picture on the parlor wall.

After all, it won't make any practical difference to you how many carriages string out in line at your funeral.

If everybody should always give credit where credit is due, every reader of this, it is to be hoped, would get a lot.

There are people whom it doesn't make any happier to think how much colder it is on the northern coast of Greenland.

One trouble the irascible man has in counting one hundred before he speaks when he loses his temper is that he has to spend so much time counting.

Does it give you any more confidence when you see an automobile riding to have the man who has invited you tell you that he always knows what to do in an emergency.

Some look at the sky in the morning to see what the weather is going to be and some read the weather predictions, and it is hard to say which lot gets to know the least about it.

Helping Out a Fireless Home

On a crowded outgoing train from the South station the Boston Record's Looker-On managed to obtain a vacant seat with a rather small sized man, who had in his lap a very large sized bundle. It was suggested that he put the bundle on the floor, but he said:

"No, sir, I'm not going to quit my hold on this bundle. Do you know what is in that package? Well, sir, that's a full hod of coal, that I am taking out from my office, and, honestly, if it wasn't for that package of coal we would go without our brown bread and beans."

And the Looker-On could not help thinking how funny some of these little incidents will read when our grandchildren study United States history 25 years hence.

Who Owns the Quarter?

Some years ago William Henry Yamasaki, a Japanese, says the Police-men's News, borrowed a quarter from a New York policeman, name unknown. Since that time William Henry has prospered and now he wants to liquidate the loan. At least, that is what the headquarters' sharps gather from the following letter:

Police Commissioner, New York: Dear Sir—I've been long ago 5 or 7 years ago 25 cent piece, my head is very bad time. Some policeman helped me 25 cents, Brecker Street and Broadway. I came back this city, send back to main office from Waterbury, Conn. He can't find back me that money. I think he's working your office. Yours very kindly kept 25 cents and following letter:

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Everywhere, it is the young or young-looking woman who is making the most of the wonderful opportunities for women today. The good things are not for those who seem to have passed their greatest usefulness.

Don't let gray, streaked with gray, or faded hair with its look of age rob you of your chance. You can easily regain all its youthful beauty as many other women have by using Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer occasionally.

Q-Ban will not dye your hair. It simply brings back the natural color and gloss. It is a delightful toilet requisite that should not be confused with hair dye or other such preparations. Q-Ban will not stain the scalp, wash or rub off. It does not interfere with shampooing or waving the hair. Easily applied.

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We need more room on our third floor and must discontinue this department. It consists of lumber already sawed and ready to fit with complete instructions. Anyone who can drive a nail or saw a board can make handsome tables, chairs and other furniture suitable for any room in the house. We ask you to investigate and let us explain further. If you have a little spare time now and then this work will prove very profitable and interesting.

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ALL THE MATERIAL FOR MAKING:

\$2.63 Phone Stand and Stool for.....	\$1.32	\$1.81 Step Ladder for.....	90c
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\$1.78 Magazine Rack for.....	80c	\$2.25 Post Rest for.....	\$1.11
\$1.69 Umbrella Stand for.....	84c	\$1.34 Fern Stand for.....	62c
91c Tabouret for.....	45c	\$2.00 Piano Bench for.....	\$1.00
\$1.56 Sewing Stand for.....	78c	\$1.84 Cellarette for.....	\$1.35
\$2.63 Serving Table for.....	\$1.31	\$2.23 Arm Chair for.....	82c
\$1.68 Shit Waist Box for.....	84c	\$2.03 Sewing Cabinet for.....	\$1.11
\$5.02 Book Shelf for.....	\$1.51	\$1.48 Tabouret for.....	74c
76c Hall Tree for.....	39c	\$1.19 Shaving Stand for.....	75c
\$1.78 Window Seat for.....	89c	\$1.11 Ironing Board for.....	58c
\$3.51 Dressing Table for.....	\$1.25	45 Bed House for.....	21c
\$6.64 Phonograph Record cabinet for.....	\$2.82	\$5.77 Bedroom Chest-Seat for.....	\$2.83
\$1.69 Wall Cabinet for.....	80c	\$1.24 Bench for.....	62c
55c Fern Stand for.....	29c	\$1.20 Window Box for.....	60c
\$1.03 Smoking Stand for.....	51c	36c Trellis for Tomato Vines for.....	8c
\$1.00 Clothes Rack for.....	50c	\$2.40 Baby Crib for.....	\$1.20
\$5.38 Desk for.....	\$1.70		

Guard Children Against Worms

Pinworms and stomach worms are some of the most widespread diseases of children.

Signs of worms are: Debauched stomach, swollen upper lip, sour stomach, offensive breath, hard and full belly with occasional gripings and pains about the navel, pale face of the child, head that, eyes heavy and shut, twitching eyelids, itching of the nose, itching of the rectum, short sleep, grinding of the teeth, little red points sticking out on tongue, starting during sleep, slow fever.

Dr. True's Elixir, the Family Laxative and Worm Expeller, will surely and quickly expel worms, correct upset stomach and constipation. Adults also benefited, and write us letters like this: "Dr. True's Elixir has done me a world of good. John Glass, Houston, Texas."

At all dealers, 10c, 50c and \$1.00. Write us.

that man can you back him. I am very gratefulness him. Kindness oblige yours truly,

WILLIAM HENRY YAMASKI, Japan.

Who Said Sugar Shortage?

A letter to the Hingham Journal from Mrs. B. H. Levey, formerly of that town and now of Tracy, Cal., would not seem to indicate a sugar shortage. She writes as follows:

"Lately I have looked for your item on sugar, for as yet California people don't realize and I doubt if some know that there is a sugar shortage in the country. I mentioned the fact recently to a friend who is in the habit of buying sugar by the hundred-pound sack and she remarked that 'only this week I ordered a sack,' and I asked if there were any questions asked, and she said the grocery boy delivered and collected as was always his custom. So from this instance you can judge how little we are affected as yet by the shortage. And it was fine cane sugar, so we have not been called upon to use beet sugar yet. Four months ago a large beet sugar factory, which is just completed and situated three miles north of Tracy started making sugar, and everything is running nicely, so it now looks as if we could have Cape Cod cranberry sauce any time this winter."

Legacy for Vacationless Man

In 33 years Abe Jacobs, stage manager of the Alhambra theatre at Chicago, had just one day of vacation. That was four years ago, when George Castle, vaudeville manager, told him to go to Muskogee for a two weeks "rest," but Abe wasn't used to vacations so he returned after the first night and went to work.

Ever since he started work for Kohl & Castle, almost 40 years ago, in the old Olympia, Abe worked seven days a week from 11 to 11.

The other day things grew aggravating. At noon the star of the week's program arrived, supposed to "go on" at 2. But his baggage was somewhere between Chicago and Cleveland. At 1 o'clock he received notice that the first and second acts were stalled in Milwaukee. At 2 word came that the third act also "went down" in Milwaukee. Then a telegram said the last act could not leave Grand Rapids because of the snow.

At 3 o'clock former Judge George A. Truda called.

"You've been mentioned for about \$50,000 in the will of your late employer, George Castle," said Mr. Truda.

"I'd rather see Castle alive today than have the money," Abe said later. "He was a prince of a man and a good employer. Now I think I'll take a vacation."

Substitutes

The Germans are feeding on substitute meat.

The four they are kneading is substitute wheat.

Their cattle they fodder on substitute hay.

And substitute honey.

And order each day.

They smoke—with great leathery—

Their substitute weeds.

And substitute morals.

Is made for their needs;

They've substitute money

And substitute cheese

From substitute bees.

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Our Friends Certainly Appreciate

THE CLOTHING SITUATION

To judge by our large Sale of Suits.

The collection, however, is rapidly growing smaller.

There is a good full stock of these four numbers.

\$28, \$27, \$25 SUITS . . . \$22.50

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SPECIAL—Several lots of Young Men's Suits, were \$18, \$16.50, \$15, now . . . \$13.75

There are but 47 Suits to sell of Rogers Peets and Society Brand Suits that were \$38.50, \$35, \$32, \$30, for

\$26.50

Three lots of Trench Overcoats, that sold for \$30, \$25 and \$23, now

\$19.50

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RED CROSS ENTERTAINMENT

A well attended and successful Red Cross entertainment was held at the Swedish Lutheran church last night. There were several hundred people present and a neat sum was realized.

Lieut. Ostergren of North Dakota gave an interesting address on "Joyalty and Honor." The following program was carried out:

Piano solo, Mildred Anderson; song, Helmer Nyberg; reading, Mrs. Craig Johnson; violin solo, Gerda Nelson; address, Lieutenant Ostergren; reading, Elizabeth Swenson; address, Rev. M. J. Erickson, Lutheran chaplain at Camp Devens on the "Mission of the Red Cross"; duet, Agnes Bertson and Alice Tongberg; song, Corp. Albert Olson; reading, Elizabeth Swenson.

At the close of the entertainment the audience sang "America" after which refreshments were served.

BUNTING CLUB CONCERT AT LINCOLN HALL

Some of the best local talent of the city has been engaged to entertain the members of the Bunting club, their wives and families and visiting friends at Lincoln hall tonight. Commissioner James E. Donnelly has entire charge of the concert program and this fact alone ensures a high class entertainment which will be enjoyed by all who are present. The committee met last night and made the final arrangements and everything points to a successful affair. The Bunting club has been in existence for the last 23 years and they have always enjoyed the reputation of being successful in any enterprise they have undertaken, whether it be on the track with athletic sports or playing cricket or soccer football. On account of the war, outdoor sports have been somewhat neglected for the last two years, but the club members are still active and expect to have several athletic events next season. They hope to meet all their old friends and acquaintances at

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DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2323 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Money and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back, rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. Fails & S. Burdick, 418 Middlesex St., Lowell's Drug Store, 201 Central St.

Just ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freezone. Apply a few drops upon a tender, aching corn or callus and instantly all soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you lift it off with the fingers.

Just think! Not one bit of pain before applying freezone or afterwards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin. Hard corns, soft corns, or corns between the toes, also hardened calluses on bottom of feet, shaved up and fall off without hurting a particle. It is almost magical. Ladies! Keep a tiny bottle on the dresser and never let a corn or callus ache twice.

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